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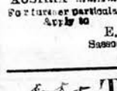

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By Order.
CECIL GRAY,
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Byculla 28th December, 1905.

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J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

2nd December, 1905.

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NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are advised that, in consequence of the ADOPTION of STANDARD TIME in Bombay, the Timings of the Local and Suburban Trains between COLABA and VIRAR will be SLIGHTLY REVISED from MONDAY, the 1st January, 1906, to meet the change in office hours.

Detailed Timings may be ascertained from the Sheet Time Tables exhibited at Stations.

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FREDERICK W. HANSON,
Ag General Traffic Manager.

General Traffic Manager's Office,
Bombay, 21st December, 1905.

TIME BALL.

FROM the 1st of January, 1906, the TIME BALL over the CLOCK TOWER of the VICTORIA and PRINCE'S DOCKS, will be DROPPED at 8 H. 30 M. 0S. A.M., INDIAN STANDARD TIME, corresponding to 3 A. M. of Greenwich Mean Time. In case of failure of the Ball to drop correctly, a Flag will be immediately hoisted, and the Ball will be dropped again at 9 H. 30 M. 0 S. A.M., INDIAN STANDARD TIME, corresponding to 4 A. M., of Greenwich Mean Time.

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Government Observatory,
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SECURITIES—
2 1-2 per cent. Consols ..... 89 1-4 = unchanged
3 do. Stocks ..... 99 = do
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan ..... 104 3-4 = do
3 1-1 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rowse Paper ..... 65 13-16 = do

SILVER—
Spot in London ..... 30 = — 3-16
2 months hence ..... 29 1-4 = — 3-16
Spot in New York ..... 64 3-4 = — 2

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ..... 25·5 1-2 = — 1-2
Berlin " ..... 20·40 1-4 = — 3-4
New York Demand ..... 4·35 1-8 = — 3-8

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 4 per cent = unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills ... 4 per cent = + 1-8
6 " " Fine Trade Bills ..... 3 5-8 per cent = unchanged
3 " " Fine Trade Bills ..... 4 3-8 per cent = + 1-4
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 4 3-8 per cent = + 1-8

INTEREST—
Day to day loans ..... 3 7-8 per cent = + 1-8
7 day market loans ..... 4 per cent = + 1-8
Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £4,00,000 for S America.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 10 Dec. sellers steady.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 = — 1-16

ARRIVAL—
Steamers—Melbourne

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed easier. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 10,000. Spot 6 17—14. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 1-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000 Imports 76,000. Futures closed steady.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·05	6·05	6·10
—5	—6	—6
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May	May-June
6·14	6·17	6·20
—6	—6	—6
June-July	July-Aug	Aug-Sep
6·22	6·23	6·14
—5	—5	—5

Receipts at U S Ports 41,000
Do last year 40,000
Exports to Great Britain 23,000
Do. do Continent 7,000

IN NEW YORK—
Spot ..... 11·90—5
Futures, month of Dec ..... 11·14-15 } a
Do. do. March ..... 11·74-11 } a
a Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later in consequence of bull support and short covering.

IN NEW ORLEANS—
Spot 11 3-4
Futures, month of March ....
Do. do. June ....
Tone at close ..... steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 28th Dec. 1905 :—

Cotton	17,468 bales.
Wheat	15,692 cwts.
Linseed	1,191 do
Rape, Ral and Mustard	2,100 do
Gingellyseed	10,788 do
Poppyseed	470 do
Groundnut	227 do
Castorseed	3,930 do
Rice	39,102 do
Myrabolams	6,598 do
Cottonseed	15,159 do
Mowraseed	942 do
Gram	1,876 do
Joowar	353 do
Maize	140 do

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.
Gold Bullion Rs. 1,53,600
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BOMBAY, FRIDAY, Dec. 29.

The markets and Banks were closed for the Christmas holidays from the evening of the 22nd inst. to the morning of the 27th. We have therefore only had three working days during the week, and business has been more or less in abeyance. A memorandum has been issued by the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Government of India on the growing cotton crops for the current season. The report on Cotton up to date, 20th November, shows the total area in all India stands at 19,605,000 acres, against 19,195,000 acres last year, and the total estimated yield is 3,212,000 bales as compared with 3,630,000 bales of last season. The growth in the following Provinces shows estimated increases as stated compared with last year.

Bombay	Bales.
British districts and Natives States excluding Baroda.....	3,02,000 "
Baroda	82,000 "
	3,84,000 "
Madras.....	15,000 "
United Provinces	20,000 "
Total Increase...	4,19,000 "

The growth in the following provinces shows estimated decreases as stated, compared with last year.

Sind.....	22,000 Bales.
Central Provinces and Berars	4,03,000 "
Punjab	2,02,000 "
Hyderabad	76,000 "
Rajputana	1,23 000 "
Central India.....	7,000 "
Total decrease...	8,33,000 "

Or a net decline from last year's growth of 4,14,000 Bales. We think it very probable that the large estimated decrease in the Central Provinces and the Berars will prove to be rather overdrawn ; but the estimate of the Punjab, Sind and Rajputana, to be, if anything, rather under the final out-turn. So far as Bombay is concerned, the large estimate of 1,103,000 Bales may prove slightly exaggerated, but accounts to hand from the Broach and Dhollera districts are still favorable though not quite so excellent as was anticipated a few weeks ago, and arrivals into the Khandeish districts are heavy. It is to be noted that the receipts into Bombay for the 12 months ending on the 30th September last were 2,691,274 Bales, out of the estimated total Indian crop of twelve months ago of 3,630,000 Bales.

A first forecast of the wheat crop has also been issued by the Department of Land Records and Agriculture in the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh and also in the Punjab. In the former we are informed that germination has been good in most places, but that irrigation began much earlier than usual on account of the drought. The irrigated crop is doing well, but the unirrigated crops want rain badly. In the Punjab, taking the Province as a whole, the wheat crop is thus far in good condition. The estimated area under wheat is 8,177,100 acres or 6 per cent above last year. The report on the Rabi oil crop of the Punjab states that the total area is estimated at 1,184,200 acres, or 2 per cent less than last year, but this may be regarded as very satisfactory, being greatly in excess of the decennial average. Sowings were made in normal time and the crop is in good condition up to the time of issue of the report. Light rains have since fallen in the Punjab, which have no doubt been of great benefit to the crops. The danger of damage by frost, as occurred last year, is to be feared for the next two months.

COTTON.

The home markets gave way slightly after the Christmas holidays owing, we are informed, to Bear pressure and Bulls unloading, but a slight reaction is advised from America to-day. It is quite possible that the turn of the year may see a decline from the very high prices now current, and which certainly discount a very small crop. A private telegram received in Bombay states that large sales of fertilizers to farmers are being made and that it is believed preparations are in progress to plant a heavy crop next year.

The following are the daily closing spot quotations for Midding Americans in Liverpool and New York, since our last mail report.

	Liverpool.	New York.
Dec.	22nd...5·31	12·10
,,	23rd...closed	closed
,,	25th... do.	do.
,,	26th... do.	12·10
,,	27th...5·31	11·95
,,	28th...5·17	11·90

The following are the daily closing quotations for futures, Liverpool, Dec.-Jan., and New York December :

	Liverpool.	New York.
Dec.	22nd...5·19	11·28
,,	23rd...closed	closed
,,	25th... do.	do.
,,	26th... do.	11·30
,,	27th...5·19	11·27
,,	28th...5·05	11·18

Our local market has also been easier with more sellers than buyers. Prices gave way some Rs. 3 to to Rs. 4 without attracting much attention. Arrivals in Bombay are heavy, the week's receipts coming to over 114,000 Bales, and stocks are accumulating.

COTTON STATISTICS. Bales.

Receipts for the week	114,302
Receipts from 1st Oct to 28th December,	010,128
Shipments for the week to Europe	23,085
Do China, Japan, and Coast Ports	63,242
Total.....	80,927

Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 28th Dec.

Europe	102,178
Japan	81,199
China	3,855
Coast Ports	4,715
Total.....	251,948
Afloat in harbour for Europe.....	22,913
China, Japan, and Coast Ports.....	1,082

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone		steady.
Estimated sales		8,000 Bales
Imports	18,000	"
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb	Feb.-Mar.
6·12	6·12	6·17
+7	+7	+7
Mar.-April	April-May	May-June,
6·21	6·24	6·27
+7	+7	+7
June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.
6·29	6·30	6·21
+7	+7	+7

COTTON.—The market closes quiet but steady. There is not much enquiry either for ready or forward deliveries.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

	Fine. F.-G. Good. Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	...202 194 ... 25th Jan.
Bengals (M.-G.) Ry. terms...	...208 198... 25th Jan.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...	...210 200 ... 25th Jan.
Oomrawutte (descriptions) M.-G.	221 215 ... 25th Jan.
Khandeish, (M.-G.) ...	...216 211 ... 25th Jan.
Khamgaum, fair staple (M.-G.)	
Karanja do. (M.-G)	222 216 ... Dec.
Akola do. (M.-G.)	
Oomra , good staple (M.-G.) ...	232 226 ... Dec.
Dhamangaum Pocigaum (M.-G.).	235 229 ... Dea.
Nagpur Kampti (M.-G.) ...	240 ... 234 Dec.
Broach (M.-G.)	239 ... 234 25th Mar.
Muttia (M.-G.)	...218 212 ... 25th Jan
Yeotmal (M.-G.)	...238 231 ... 25th Jan

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED.—The market has ruled quiet as home, prices have declined and enquiry is slack. We quote :—

Rs. 7-5-0 ..... Ready.
" 7-11-0 ..... May.

RAPESEED.—Business is most difficult owing to the extremely small stocks available. There is a good enquiry for new crops, but dealers are unwilling to sell. We quote :

Brown Cawnpore Ready... ... Rs. 7-0
Yellow Cawnpore Ready ... Rs. 7-8
Brown Delhi April May ... Rs 6-15.

POPPYSEED.—Market has been very firm, as high as Rs. 8-10 per cwt. having been paid. At the close the tonejis easier at Rs. 8-8.

TILSEED.—The market is governed by local purchases on up-country account.

Current quotations are much above the parity of European rates, and fresh business is impracticable. Exporters are paying full local prices to complete shipments. Arrivals are very small. We quote :

85 per cent bold white ..... Rs. 44.
Hawree ..... Rs. 45.
Minbara. ..... Rs. 45-8.

MOWRASEED is unchanged at Rs. 5-4 with little doing.

CASTORSEED.—Firm at Rs. 32-8 sellers, Rs 32 buyers.

COTTONSEED.—Steady at Rs. 17/8.

WHEAT.—Beyond a few purchase by the local Mills there is nothing doing. We quote, in a firm market :—

White Kurrachi. Ready. ..... Rs. 5-2
Delhi. April-May ..... Rs. 5-6.

Weeks arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

Cotton	1,14,392 bales.
Wheat	52,08 cwts.
Linseed	23,339 "
Rape, Ral and Mustard	5 805 "
Gingellyseed	999,33 "
Poppyseed	2,702 "
Groundnuts	1,727 "
Castorseed	19,311 "
Rice	1,07 993 "
Myrabolams	33,047 "
Cottonseed	1,66,277 "
Mowraseed	3,402 "
Gram	13,899 "
Joowar	3,765 "
Maize	5578 "

LINSEED—Tone firmer,

	Rs. a. p.
Ready	7 6 0
Forward May	7 11 6

RAPESEED.—Tone steady

Brown Cawnpore, Ready ...	6 13 0
Do. Forward May ...	6 13 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready ...	7 8 0

POPPYSEED—Tone firm for sellers,

Ready	8 9 0

CASTORSEED—Tone steady,

Ready	32 0 0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone quieter

Howree Khandeish	44 8 0
15 per cent Mixed ...	44 0 0

WHEAT—Tone steady.

White Delhi ready	5 1 6
Do do April-May ...	5 1 3

FREIGHT.

The market continues steady, but we hear of little fresh business reported since the holidays. The quotation for January shipment is 14s. 9d., and February to June 14s. 6d. open ports. The fixtures reported include the steamer Angola at 14s. 6d. January loading one picked port. and steamer "Oronsay" December-January loading, rate not known.

MONEY.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 28th Sept.	4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 14th Dec,	7 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 14th ,,	7 do.
Bank of Madras do. 19th ,,	6 do.

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 23rd December as compared with that of the 16th December :—

LIABILITIES.

Public Deposits ... ... Rs	6,60,872 Decrease
Other Deposits	5,21,771 Increase
Sundries	42,326 Increase

ASSETS.

Government Securities ... ... Rs.	73,271 Decrease
Other Authorized Securities	6,268 Decrease
Credits on Securities	11,35 153 Increase
Loans, do.	35,136 Increase
Bills discounted & purchased...	12 01,533 Decrease
Balance with other Banks	1,51,450 Increase
Sundries	2,030 Increase
Cash	140,797 Decrease

These figures show a decline of about six lakhs in the trade demand.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance is 23 lakhs down. Official rates are unchanged in the three Presidency towns. Our local money market continues very steady with a good demand for short fixed deposits at 6 per cent per annum for two months.

COUNCIL BILLS,

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening, amounted to Rs. 1,20,30,000. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday, one crore was again put for tender, and of this amount Rs. 86 10 lakhs was taken up in bills at 1s 1/16d and the balance Rs. 13 90 lakhs in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 1/8d., tenders at those rates receiving 19 per cent. For next week, one crore, is advertised for allotment. No extras are announced this week.

The mail of the 15th December brings £230,000 silver and £60,000 gold to Bombay, also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 11,70,000
Bombay	,, 4,00,000
Madras	,, 3,10,000
Total...	Rs. 19,40,000

The mail of the 22nd December brings £120,000 silver and £60,000 gold to Bombay, and £20,000 gold for Calcutaa ; also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 37,50,000
Bombay	,, 9,50,000
Madras	,, 6,20,000
Total...	Rs. 53,20,000

The mail of the 29th December brings £530,000 silver and £60,000 gold to Bombay, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 36,10,000
Bombay	,, 38,00,000
Madras	,, 11,90,000
Total...	Rs. 86,00,000

EXCHANGE.

There is a slightly easier tone in the Sterling exchange market, but quotations are nominally unchanged. There was some enquiry for Bank Demand at 1s. 4 1/8d., and at the close this rate is not generally quoted. A fair amount of mercantile bills were placed at 1s. 4 11/32d. for 3 months' sight D/A. near delivery, and 1s. 4 5/16d. is now obtainable from probably the second mail in January. Far Eastern rates are also easier following the decline in silver.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank L. T.	...	1s. 4 3-32d.
Bank Demand	...	1s. 4 1-8d. to 3-32d
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight	D. A.	1s. 4 11-32d.
Do. 6 do.	do. ...	1s. 4 15-32d.
French France 3 do.	do. ...	171
Marcks 3 do.	do. ...	139 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days	Sight ...	147
Shanghai 30	do. ...	207
Japan 30	do. ...	150

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The Rupee paper market was only open for three days since our last report. Rates have remained steady at about Rs. 97-10 for ready, and Rs. 97-11 for the near settlement. Quotations for the February settlement are given to-day at Rs. 98 to Rs. 98-1 showing a margin of 5 to 6 annas for buddlees, due to the firm money market now ruling. Closing rates are as follows. There is little doing in local Corporation bonds.

3 1-2 per cent. cash 97-11
3 1-2 per cent. 5th January 97-10
3 1-2 per cent 1st February ..... 98 to 98-1
3 per cent. 87-1

	Repayable.	Rates
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	... 1922	104 12 0
4 per cent ,, ,,	... 1930	104 8 0
4 per cent ,, ,,	... 1932	104 0
4 per cent ,, ,,	... 1933	104 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	... 1934	104 8 0
5 per cent ,, ,,	... 1943	104 0 0
5 per cent ,, ,,	... Tanna	120 0
5 per cent ,, ,,	... Sanitary	118 0
4 per cent Bo. Imp. Trust	... 1939	104 8
4 per cent ,, ,,	...1934-35	104 0

BULLION.

The silver market fluctuated during the week in sympathy with London prices. It is reported that the French Government asked for tenders in the London market for war and forward delivery, but a moderate decline is advised this morning. The up-country demand continues poor owing to scarcity in some parts of India. We close quiet but steady.

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	24 0 6
Australian Bar Gold	24 0 0
Bombay do.	24 0 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 1 6
Do Dragons	15 0 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	76 3 0
Do. 1st settlement	76 4 0
Do 2nd do	75 10 0

PIECE-GOODS.

The market continues unchanged, there being only a small demand for spot goods, prices for the most part unchanged and firm. There is a fair enquiry for forward delivery based on Bombay values, and business in consequence is not practicable.

LOCAL YARNS

The following are the latest telegrams from China

	Unsold.	Uncleared.	Weekly Sales.
Shanghai	78,000	30,000	1,000
Hong-Kong	50,000	41.000	1,000
	128,000	71,000	2,000

199,000 bales.

The local market is steady.

METALS.

COPPER AND YELLOW METAL.—There are private advices from home that prices have further advanced, and purchases by dealers locally of Copper at £84, ready, are reported, Forward business is at a standstill.

IRON AND STEEL.—Market is quiet with nothing doing.

SHARES.

The market is quiet but steady and some of the Mill shares have improved more or less in prices during the week. Bank of Bombay shares have declined to Rs. 1,405. Press shares are quiet and neglected. Mofussils are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 522 1/2. New Berars are unchanged at Rs. 472 1/2 and Indian Cotton at Rs. 132 1/2. Volkarts are weak at Rs. 1,000. In Miscellaneous list Alcock Ashdown are quiet at Rs. 290. Badham Piles are steady at Rs. 147. Bombay Burmahs have declined to Rs. 9 000. Quarter shares to Rs. 2,275. Bombay Flours have changed hands at Rs. 600. Kemps are quiet at Rs. 223. Phillips have changed hands at Rs. 50. Port Cannings at Rs. 410. Thackers are unchanged at Rs.240, Bombay Telephones are quiet at Rs. 30, In Railway Companies Tapti Valleys are weak at Rs. 420, Ahmedabad Prantej at Rs. 515. In Mill Shares Alliance Cotton are unchanged at Rs. 375, Bombay United have improved to Rs. 635, Bombay Cotton have changed hands at Rs. 900. Central Indias are steady at Rs. 2,040. Chinas have advanced to Rs. 1,075. Connaughts are steady at Rs. 560. Colaba Land and Mill have improved to Rs. 980. Currimbhais have jumped up to Rs. 1,380. Davids are steady at Rs. 495. Empress have improved to Rs. 450 Howard and Bullough have changed hands at Rs. 657 1/2. Imperials are weak at Rs. 265. James Greaves have declined to Rs. 540. Jamsheds have ruled at and about Rs. 210 ; Leopolds have declined to Rs. 112. Maneckji Petits have closed at Rs.3,230. Morarjis are quiet at Rs. 2,700. Queen are steady at Rs. 345. Southern Marathas have changed hands at Rs. 207 1/2. Swadeshis are steady at Rs. 1,650. Kohinoors after touching at Rs. 660 have improved to Rs. 695. Luxmi Cotten are unchanged at Rs. 1,300. Crescents have improved to Rs. 155. Phoenix have ruled at and about Rs. 110. The rest are unchanged at previous quotations.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	easier
Surats	quiet
Gozi Bhowrungee	28-32
The Manchester Market has been	steady
3 1/2 per cent Consols	89 1-4
3 per cent Reduced	91
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	104 3-4
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 13-16
Bar Silver	30

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results :—

Total Bullion £28,350,000 Decrease £1,000,000
Public Deposits. £7,830,000 Increase £140,000
Other Deposits. £14,200,000 Decrease £1,400,000
Govt. Securities. £12,850,000 unchanged
Other securities £9,500,000 Increase £500,000
Notes and Gold £17,600,000 Decrease £1,700,000
The Banks Reserve is 34 per cent. of the Liabilities.

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Rat.
INDIAN BANKS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	12 p. c.	1,402 1-2
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,370
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	8 pr. ct.	1,189
Comr'cial Bank of India	40,000	70	100	nil	40
Alliance Bank of Simla	15,000	100	100	12 pr ct	250 xd
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Charter Bank ...	0,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£14to4
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation'...	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-15-0	£22-1
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	4 rd 10 pr	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

hmedabad Dholka Ry ...	11,000	100	100	102 xd	...
hmedabad Prantej Ry ...	4,000	500	500	12-8	517 1-2
apti Valley Ry ...	8,000	500	500	10	423 1-2

A NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT.

The Indian Hotels Co's European String Band the Bander String Band, and the Victoria Band will play the following programme of music at W. B Green & Co's Apollo Bunder Restaurant on New Year's Eve under the conductorship of Bandmaster G. T. Coke, commencing at 10 p. m.

March ..... Tournament
Overture ..... Post and Peasant
Waltz ..... Reponse du Coeur
Selection ..... The Belle of New York
Intermezzo ..... Cavalleria Rusticana
Cycle of Songs ..... (a) The Song That Reached My Heart
(b) Come Back To Erin
(c) John Peel
(d) Annie Laurie
(e) God Bless The Prince of Wales
(f) Rule Britannia
Selection ..... Leslie Stuart's Songs
Song ..... Old Folks at Home and Auld Lang Syne
GOD SAVE THE KING.

The audience is invited to join in the Chorus of "Soldiers of the King."

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THE OPIUM REVENUE.

The following is the Opium Revenue to date compared are with the Estimates for the year 1905-1906 :—

Latest Month.

Presidency.	Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
In November 1905— Bengal	56,00,000	55,78,100	....	27,900
In October 1905— Bombay	13,00,000	8,20,500	.....	4,79,500
Total....	69,00,000	63,98,600	....	5,07,400

3 Sales of Bengal opium and 2 months' pass duty. In opium exported from Bombay :—

Presidency.	Estimate.	Actual.	Better than Estimate.	Worse than Estimate.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
To end of November 1905	4,46,00,000	4,72,15,510	23,15,510	....
Bengal				
To end of October Bombay	72,00,000	53,97,000	.....	18,03,000
Total....	5,18,00,000	5,26,12,510	7,12,510	....

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notice (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

WHITTY—December 24, at Madhubani, Behar, the wife of J T Whitty, C S, of a son

DEATHS.

CROFT—December 21, at the Bank of Bengal, Lucknow Mayaitre Isabel, the beloved wife of Charles Alfred Croft age 29 years,

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 33m. Sun sets, 5h. 33m. High water, 2-3m., 2-13a. Low water, 1-15m., 7-50a.
Banks closed, New Year's holidays.
Bombay Extra Races.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.
Abell's Circus, Esplanade.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 33m. Sun sets, 5h. 33m. High water, 2-43m., 2-59a. Low water, 8-59m., 8-27a.

ACCIDENTAL FALL.—Raghunath Mana, a Hindu, aged 36, employed as a hammerman in a building under construction in Mahim Bazaar Road on Tuesday evening, got his left thigh badly fractured by accidentally falling off a plank on which he was standing from a height of fifteen feet. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital for treatment.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per Extra s.s. Umkazi via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m. standard time on the 4th January 1906. Supplemental mails will also be closed at 7-30 p.m. on the 5th Idem.

ILL-FEELING BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE.—Yesterday, Mr. P Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, held an inquest touching the death of one Kalambi, a woman, who having had a quarrel with her masodin Khudabux, her husband, bought opium from a shop in Null Bazar and administered the same to herself. She was taken to the Sir J. J. Hospital, where she died. A verdict of suicide was returned.

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MUSIC AT THE PYKE'S APOLLO HOTEL.—The Victoria String Band will play the following programme of music at the Pyke's Apollo Restaurant, from 6-30 till 9-30 p.m. to-day :—

March	Werder ..... Zollman
Overture	Tancredi ..... Rossini
Valse	Three Little Maids ..... Kilfort
Selection	A Country Girl ..... Godfrey
March	Le Lion et Mare ..... Fahrni
American Sketch ...	Down South ..... Myddleton
Valse	Picador (Espagnole) ..... F Brockett
A Summer Idyll	Hiawatha ..... N Moret

BAND AT THE MAHALUXMI RACES.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel S. J. Sargant, V. D., and Officers of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Ry. Vol. Band will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. A. Mallandaine, Band Master, commencing at 3 p.m. to-day :—

Two Step	Ma Li'l Topsy ..... Myddleton
Overture	Isabella ..... Suppe
Hiawatha	A Summer Idyl ..... Moret
Preminiscences of ...	Scotland ..... Godfrey
Selection	A Country Girl ..... Monckton
Polonaise	Der Fackelzug ..... Faust
American Sketch ...	By the Swanee River ..... Myddleton

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March	With Sword and Lance ..... H Starke
Overture .....

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THE steamer Lindula, 3611 tons, Captain G. W. Currie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon via Karachi with a cargo of Kerosine oil.

THE Austrian Lloyds S. N. Co's steamer Austria, 4879 tons Captain R. Colledana, will sail to-day for Kobe, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Bombay and Persia S. N. Co's steamer Mohammadi 7251 tons, Captain A. D. Storey, sailed yesterday for Joddah with a general cargo and 705 pilgrims.

THE Clan Line steamer Clan Shaw, 2532 tons Captain A. W. Simpson, arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow, with a general cargo.

THE Asiatic S. N. Co's steamer Nurani, 2870 tons, Captain B. H. Bullen, sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo.

THE steamer Troutpool, 2110 tons Captain G. Laurie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Barry via Zanzibar and Seychelles with bunkers and 10 deck passengers.

THE steamer Afghan, 4419 tons, Captain W. E. Dexter arrived in harbour on the 28th instant from Durban 3rd December in ballast. She brought in ton, the s. s. Balgay, 144 tons, Commander F. W. Lloyd, from the above port.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
29	Balgay s.	Lloyd	Durban, Dec 3
	Afghan s.	Dexter	Durban, Dec 3
	Plassay s.	Dowell	Southampton, Dec 8
	Troutpool s.	Laurie	Barry, Oct 17
	Linga s.	Currie	Rangoon, Dec 12
	Clan Shaw s.	Simpson	Glasgow, Nov 21

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
29	Pekin s.	Lemare	Hongkong
	Afghanistan s. ..	Moore	Philadelphia
	Albert Treves s. ..	Cro co	Madras &c
	Ki of the Thistle ..	Baker	Rob, &c
	H. S. Fox	Eustance	Rangoon
	Nurani s.	Bullen	Calcutta, &c
	Mohommadi	Storey	Jeddah, &c

The steamer Austria Calledano for Kobe obtained her portclearance yesterday:—

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Sahara for Liverpool Antwerp
" Afghan, for Mauritius

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan Line s. s. Clan Ronald arrived at Suez on the morning of the 28th instant.

The Anchor Line s. s. Scindia homeward bound, arrived at Marseilles on Thursday the 28th inst.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRIERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, December 30.

20th Musketry.—The Rifle Range at Ghat Kopar will be available for Class Firing on Sunday next, the 31st instant.

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Adjutant B. V. R.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following Races will be sailed to day:—

"A" Class Yachts Handicap Race—Start at 3-15 p. m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces M S	Entered by
Sapphire	10 30	Mr R H H Hopkins & Capt Muter, R E
Eileen IV	Sch	Mr N N Wadia

Course:—From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy and round the P and O Mooring Buoy "B" off Cross Island leaving both to Port, round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard and thence to Committee Vessel, round Middle Ground Buoy leaving it to Starboard, round Mark-boat with "R" flag at South Prooshapuri Buoy leaving it to Starboard and thence to Committee Vessel, Course No 12+1 = 10¼ miles.

"B" Class Yachts Handicap Race—Start at 3 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces M S	Entered by
Pixie	Sch	Mr H R Greaves
Trixie	Sch	Mr B G Monteath,
Erin	Sch	Mr R H Ireland
Estella	17 0	Mr R Carruthers

Course:—From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy and round the P and O Mooring Buoy "B" off Cross Island leaving both to Port round North Karanja Buoy leaving it to Starboard and thence to Committee Vessel. Course No 12 = 8¾ miles.

"Tomtit" Class and Small Boat Handicap Race—Start at 2-45 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ces M S	Entered by
Tomtit	6 30	Dr F M Gibson
Lapwing	10 0	Capt. S Goode and Capt Gillespie, R E
Midget	12 0	Officers, B A
Sayonara	Sch	Mr C G Nomiko Capt Crosse
Coralie	12 30	Capt Bonayne R A M C
Mog	6 30	Mr C H Byrne
Elise	9 30	Mr F S Punnett

Course:—From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy leaving it to Port, round Tooker Beacon leaving it to Port, thence round North Karanja Buoy leaving it to Starboard and finishing at Committee Vessel, Course No 11 = 93 miles.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 29TH DEC.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk to rapid rise in Sind, a brisk fall in the United Provinces and at Saugor Jubbulpore and Hoshangabad, and a slight fall at several other stations.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been fresh to strong at Dwarka and Karachi and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The variations of maximum temperature show an excess of from 5° to 11° at several places. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Bellary and the lowest 43° at Sirsa.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy at Cuchin, Masulipatam and Neemuch.

Rain.—Lahore, Agra and Cawnpore received light showers.

Weather.—Fine weather with passing clouds prevails generally in the Bombay Presidency.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SUNDAY, AFTER CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 31

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7.30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Eyre in E flat
11 a.m.—Litany and Ante-Communion—Choral Eyre in E flat
Hymns—73, 6 and 324
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Canticles—Tone in F
Anthem—Bethlehem Gounod
Collections for 66 and 31

Daily Matins at 7-10 a.m. and Evensong at 6-30.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH.—BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
11-15 p.m.—Midnight Watch Service with Celebration of Holy Communion

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL (Standard Time)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

ST. PETER'S MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Matins
7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral), Preacher Rev Father Langmore
5 p.m.—Evensong Choral
Preacher Rev Father Biscoe
Alms for Church Expenses

BOMBAY BAPTIST CHURCH—Bellasis Road. (Opposite Byculla Club).

9 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sunday Services—Preacher Rev John O'Brien

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, (Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Morning Service
Psalm—67
Hymn—154
Hymn—211
Hymn 2-7
6 p.m.—Evening Service
Paraphrase—2
Hymn—262
Hymn 241
Hymn—203

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7-45 a.m.—Litany, Holy Communion and Sermon.
4-30 p.m.—Service for the young
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Collections for the Vestry Enlargement Fund
1st January 1906.
Standard Time.

8 a.m.—Holy communion
Collections for the Poor

WESLEYAN CHURCH COLABA CAUSEWAY.

8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev C Ryder Smith BA.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher—Rev C Ryder Smith B A
4-20 p.m.—Sunday School.
5-40 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev A J Boydell
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev A J Boydell
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School
Sandy.
11 p.m.—Watch Night Service.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, (Wandby Road.)

8 a.m.—United Children's Service.
10-20 a.m.—Service at Parel.
11-a.m United Service—St Andrew's Church
6 p.m—Evening Service—Rev Alex S Chishton
Hymns—18, 303 and 195
Psalm—90

New Year's Day.

8 a.m.—United Service

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH, (Prince's Dock)

10-30 a.m.—Matins and Litany
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DEC. 30, 1905.

A CHELA TAKING NOTES.

DR. HEINRICH HENSOLDT gives, in that serious periodical, "The Occult Review," his experiences in search of Yogi philosophy in a paper entitled "Among the Adepts and Mystics of Hindostan" which though it is certain to amaze the reader, will convince him of the sincerity, if not of the wisdom, of the learned doctor. Having long considered that the West had much to learn from the East on all spiritual subjects, and having seen some of the transcendental "tricks" that fakirs and sadhus and yogis perform in this favored country, he was determined to penetrate the inner arcana of the Yoga-Vidya mysteries, not in order to work wonders, but to get behind the veil and understand the riddle of the universe. For this purpose, he sought an introduction to Coomra Swami, whose name is long known to those familiar with the occult world. When Dr. Hensoldt arrived at Srinagar it was not easy to discover the great adept, for when was a prophet recognised in his own country? And it was a Beluchi shepherd who came to the rescue, and led him to the recluse in his abode in a vale of ruins, where once stood the great city Kanishkapura. The old pagoda-*cum* monastery in which the swami lived with four companions was as bare and comfortless as it could well be, affording no distraction whatever from the contemplation of abstract and eternal good. Coomra Swami addressed his visitor without hesitation in Tamil, the only Indian language Dr. Hensoldt spoke, and obviated all need for the palmyra scroll of introduction, by showing that he knew all about the stranger, his previous life, and what befell him during the journey to Kashmir, even to the very character of his musings by the way, which the traveller duly mentions did not always take a philosophic turn. The Swami could not be described as either a genial or an encouraging mentor. In the very first interview he talked with profound contempt of men from the West, telling of two white Munshis, who had previously come to study his wisdom, "one went to the summit of yonder mountain, where he perished, and the other lies buried behind that wall." In spite of the chill that crept over him at this ominous information, the doctor accepted an invitation to take up his residence in a room close to the Swami's. A man who seeks to get behind the curtain must not expect to find a luxurious apartment in which to pursue his spiritual investigations. It was very simple of Dr. Hensoldt to expect to find a pillow provided, and when he remarked on the fact, Coomra Swami just told him to do without, that only in a head level with the body could the brain develop a perception of nature's unseen forces. He then proceeded to give the neophyte his first lesson in detachment by assuring him that matter was merely a product of the mind. Though Dr. Hensoldt thought of Berkeley and Schopenhauer he ventured on nothing in reply.

Unfortunately we do not get a detailed account of the wonderful experiences vouchsafed to the doctor amid the ruins. He could not, if he would, relate all within reasonable compass. Moreover he promised not to reveal some things. Of Indian occultism there was plenty, some might be put down by critics of a carping, doubting nature, to simple psychic power or to clairvoyance. But one episode utterly mystified this seeker after the sublime. The Swami took him to the hermitage library, and, though the room was pitch dark called his attention to the Pali and Sanscrit books, and to the fine carving and pictures near them. Dr. Hensoldt expressed a regret that the inky darkness made it impossible to see them. "Oh, I forgot!" said Coomra, and instantly without touching a button or striking a match, the place was flooded with light of "unearthly refulgence," in which objects cast no shadows. It is melancholy to think that the doctor thought it wise not to ask any questions, though he was so agitated by the phenomenon that he was not in a fit state to examine the valuable manuscripts. On another occasion, when he had wandered off alone a considerable distance to examine a stone hill of singular shape, he suddenly found the Swami seated before it in contemplation. An invitation to explore a cave in the hill was accepted and the two men—if the Swami is anything so commonplace as a man—came out at the other side, when lo! and behold, the hill disappeared as if by magic. This occurred several times, and there is no explanation forthcoming of this ridiculous incident. One day when discussing what Coomra called the eternal truth, that the universe is Maya or illusion, he made the hills and fertile plains to vanish, the very rock on which they sat talking disappeared and the solid doctor felt as if he were treading invisible ground. He somewhat indiscreetly thought within himself that it was nothing but the effect of hypnotic influence. The Swami read his thought straight off and confounded him by hoping he had grasped the fact that the external world is no more real than a shadow. In the conversations vouchsafed by the ancient adept, he spoke of Europeans invariably with pity and contempt, sometimes as "learned incapables," showed that Westerns "abnormally develop and stimulate the accumulative instinct" looking on "life as a mere opportunity of piling up rubbish." The multiplication of wants, he truly said, means new sorrows to the civilised man, who demands and cannot procure them, the standard of happiness is not thereby raised, but is lowered. Men in the West have less time to rest and think than their forefathers had. The survival of the fittest is looked on as a fair rule of life; but said this hermit, the fittest do not survive; the most merciless, the most selfish, the most unscrupulous, the very type whose complete extinction would be sanctity desirable for the interest of the race, crush out the most humane, generous and altruistic individuals. Hindus on the other hand, having risen to a certain height of culture long before the men of the West, paused, reflected and reduced their wants to a minimum. Twenty minutes in the day suffice to supply these the rest of their time can be given to mental culture, to thinking—not to book-study, forsooth, but to solving the world-mystery. "We have developed," went on this partial philosopher "during the last fifty centuries, mind-faculties which are a constant source of surprise to you, in fact, while you have been working for the stomach, we have been working for the brain. You, Westerns, are all stomach, while we are all brain." Many more pleasant generalisations of a similar sort, chiefly distinguished by the force with which the inferiority of the European to his Aryan brother was insisted on distinguished the lessons of this teacher. It is impossible to shut out the suspicion that Dr. Hensoldt brings his own ideas out of the mouth of Coomra Swami, after the fashion of the fakirs and the yogis, when they do marvellous "tricks."

The hermits who shared the seclusion of the Swami were four, two venerable-looking old men, of a somewhat sour aspect, certainly possessing no outward show of politeness. They acted like deaf-mutes and were seldom visible. One was of a decidedly irascible temper, which does not say much for the strength of his pious abstraction. It was long before he responded in the slightest degree to the doctor's friendly greetings. The two other contemplative beings were younger and more human, one Arupansha was from the Malabar Coast, and could speak four languages with the fluency of his people, he was polite and pleasant, though not communicative. Sinne Tambe, the youngest and humblest, was a bright Tibetan of a kindly nature. The whole atmosphere, however, was unsociable—though why Dr. Hensoldt should have expected a group of contemplating ascetics to gush and look pleasant it is difficult to see. He was very lucky to get in among them at all. But before he had completed his twenty-three weeks' residence in the anchorites' dwelling, he found that their muteness was not really dulness. They had simply risen above the necessity for speech, understanding each other fully without. The number of disciples flocking to the shelter of the adepts is, it seems enormous but only those who are actuated by the pure desire of soaring above all material desire persevere in the study of esoteric philosophy. The masters impose such well proportioned hardships on all postulants that the spurious very soon tire, until but a small minority stay to be finally initiated into the mysteries of Yogi-vidya. Dr. Hensoldt says nothing of any serious discouragement he may have been subjected to. Austerities there certainly were, and he probably tired of them, when no perceptible spiritual result followed. He did fancy that the chief Coomra Swami was often on the point of communicating some important truth but doubt seemed to assail the cautious adept and the revelation was not made. The doctor is broad-minded enough to admit that this may have been the wisest course, and he lays emphasis on his conviction that the chief Swami and all the adepts he met were deeply conscientious devotees of the higher life. After a six months' stay with the four anchorites, he determined to leave and seek in Tibet a short-cut to Yogi-dom. Here again the Swami saw to the depths of his hidden mind, and bade him go, though he intimated that one place was as good as another for acquiring what he sought. The description of the many wonders this traveller saw during his stay in India goes far to prove that his mind at least is at the root of the matter that his eyes see.

PUTTING ON THE CLOCK.—To-morrow is the last day of Bombay time. No more will we be obliged to work out intricate mathematical problems when intending to catch a train. On Monday we shall all awake to find our watches wrong. Our chota hazri will be brought at the usual time, and we shall suddenly find that it is the wrong time. By Tuesday we shall have changed our watches and perhaps—perhaps things will work smoothly. Fortunately meals in India are to a great extent movable feasts and therefore the first actual reminder of the change of time will not be very violent. But the trouble will come when over the last cup of coffee one wonders when it will be time to go to the office. The Associated Exchange Banks have already fixed their hours in accordance with the new standard and notify that they will be open for business from half-past ten to half past three, Standard Time, whilst the doors will close at half past one on Saturdays. The Bank of Bombay however notifies that from the second of April its hours will be from eleven to half past four and, meanwhile, we pressure, will ignore such things as clocks. The Bombay Presidency Trades Association issues a list of firms which have decided to open and close at the same nominal hour as before the alteration. Roughly, however, we are all about to gave up thirty-nine minutes to Father Time, not such a serious concession after all. We will not confuse issues for the present by again comparing the advantages of Standard and Zone time. It is enough to-day that with the end of the year there must be a radical change in our habits and that our recreations in the early morning and after business hours will have to be re-arranged. But there are things to which one speedily becomes accustomed. Equally easily will we learn to go to our office at half past ten instead of at ten.

Meanwhile a cry is being raised similar to "give us back our twelve days," the only difference being that in the one case it was against an adjustment consequent on account of an error in reckoning, whilst now it is to do away with inconvenience. This view, however, is not accepted by the whole community as is shown by the petition signed by fifteen thousand people, which appears in another column. It would be better named a protest than a petition, for it is obviously absurd that an arrangement which has occupied much official attention is to be wiped away shortly after its inception in order to meet the wishes of those who have waited so long that their action only becomes formal four days before the time appointed for the alteration of the clocks. The petition is prettily worded and contains much information and nothing new. In the lengthy discussions which have taken place we doubt if any aspect has been allowed to remain unconsidered to some extent. Great stress is laid upon the fact that the adoption of Standard Time is highly prejudicial to the interests of religious communities. It will be possible to believe this when an explanation is given to the fact that, while throughout, one hardly cares to say how enormous a fraction of India, watches and clocks are so rare that they are curiosities rather than timepieces, yet religious communities perform their rites with as much accuracy as to time as is possible in Bombay. The farther statement "it is serperfluous to state that no person or body of persons or institutions in Bombay has adopted any other than the Local Time for their respective purposes" is, as we have shown, quite incorrect. Banks, Government offices, shops and the University have all adopted the new order. A correspondent wrote to us some weeks ago: "If the alteration in time which is so strongly opposed in the bazaar has the effect of teaching the Native the value of punctuality it will do more good than any other recent act of the Government," and no one can deny the truth of what he says. We do not agree with those who say that Bombay should be isolated. We have admitted the disadvantages of having two standards of time in the same place, but we have stated clearly that the present is not, in our opinion, the solution of the difficulty. The time may yet come when India will be given a scientific method of reckoning the hours. For the present a new order is to reign and it seems better to accept what is to be, rather than attempt to make confusion worse confounded by trying to the petty difficulties which will dog Bombay residents for the first few days of next week.

A DOUBTFUL MODERN DEVICE.—The Charing Cross Station accident has, we notice from the papers to hand by last mail, prompted the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects to some disquieting reflections on the duration of the life of iron-work. Mr Belcher fears that this comparatively recent form of construction may prove treacherous. After all, he pointed out iron-work has only a certain life, and the eroding action of the atmosphere and moisture is very keen. In the case of a railway structure, a bridge or a station, another serious cause of deterioration is the constant heavy vibration which is often enough to loosen the nuts and rivets upon which the cohesion of the whole structure depends. There is only one remedy and that is, regular and thorough inspection. Such inspection is probably difficult and expensive, but it must be considered as one of the necessary drawbacks of an iron or steel structure, and set off against its initial cheapness. Economy in this direction cannot be tolerated. A second point raised by Mr Belcher, in reference to the suggestion that the cause of the accident may in the beginning have been a subsidence of the foundations brought about by the construction of a neighbouring underground railway, raises doubts about another modern device. The engineers maintain that this danger does not exist, because the "tubes" are as solid a foundation as the earth. This is true, but Mr. Belcher points out that the real mischief is that these burrowings drain off water, and divert the courses of underground streams. These changes probably menace the stability of the foundations of buildings. When one looks at a map of London showing the network of new and projected "tubes," one sees that there will soon not be much of London that is free from this danger.

THE P. and O. s.s. "Formosa" left Moji at 9 a.m., on the 26th instant and is expected to arrive at Singapore on the 7th January.

THE one hundred reports of the directors of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company has been issued, dealing with working up to June 30. Details have already appeared in our columns.

H. M. S. Fox, Captain J. P. Eustance, sailed yesterday for Rangoon via Trincomalee.

THE P. and O. s. s. Simla with China Mails left Colombo, on the 28th December and is expected to arrive in Bombay at noon on Sunday the 31st December.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway, for the week ending 11th Nov. amounted to Rs. 2,161, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 953. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 28,420, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 3,197.

THE statement of traffic of the Tanti-Valley Railway, for the week ending 11th November, amounted to Rs. 16,227 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 6,174. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 2,29,981, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 80,306.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway, for the week ending 11th November, amounted to Rs. 3,128 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,037. Total earnings from 1st July to 11th November were Rs. 54,212, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 5,504.

Damage to the extent of one lakh of rupees was caused on Tuesday by the destruction by fire of a rice mill and adjoining godowns belonging to a native trader at Kamendine. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The President of the All India Conference [illegible] Temperance may be right, says the "Pioneer" thinking that friend of the cause he advocates are not always to be found among the lower ranks of the Revenue service. They naturally desire to show the best financial results, and many of the changes that increased receipts from the duties on intoxicants have been obtained by sounder administration without increasing drunkenness may be well founded. Broadly, however, it is right to look with anxious eyes on any increase of the liquor revenues of India. Consistently with a reasonable degree of freedom, the policy should always be to discourage the use of alcohol among the natives, and the Government can easily check any disposition that exists in the ranks of the administration to strive after financial results, by requiring them to report on social conditions, and giving preference to those who have been most successful in checking drunkenness. President of the Conference rightly calls on the Government with intentions which are identical with those of all moderate temperance advocates. But every well informed person knows that the increase in drinking habits would be one of the worst evils that could fall upon the native population.

LARGE as the Punjab wheat crop [illegible] the coming harvest may surpass it. The Agricultural Department estimates the area under wheat as 6 per cent more than [illegible] About Delhi, Hissar and Umballa, [illegible] felt the effects of the drought from which in the adjoining regions of Rajputana and United Provinces is suffering. [illegible] west and north, the season was favourable for sowings, while in the Chenab [illegible] districts, tracts where the crop has been promptly put under wheat [illegible] that the crop will fulfil its promise [illegible] deficiencies in the autumn elsewhere.

THE German Consul at Carthage [illegible] as remuneration the "Mem[illegible] tells us, 40,000 marks [illegible] His contemporary at Algiers [illegible] as new at that at Carthage [illegible] 55,000 marks, or £2,750 [illegible] seven hundred and fifty [illegible] sweeten a distant exile from [illegible] Several new consular posts have been [illegible] consulates of Aleppo, Mexico [illegible] Szechuan, the holders of [illegible] chosen from any class, [illegible] only by a "consul de carrière" [illegible] Embassy will be given 3,000 [illegible] with which to buy land and [illegible] The German Minister at Peking [illegible] marks (£3,300) to start him.

DR. SVEN HEDIN, the [illegible] at Tabriz on Dec. 3, and [illegible] Teheran in 10 days' time.

MR. TAKAHASHI, Special [illegible] missioner in London, in [illegible] Japan, via the United States [illegible] conclusion of his mission.

MR. J. T. DICK, from [illegible] Commercial Bank of [illegible] Manager of the Ranchi [illegible] Mr. F. A. Churchward [illegible] Managing Directorship [illegible] which opens on the 1st [illegible]

IT is curious that [illegible] expected in January [illegible] Mr. Winston Churchill [illegible] Churchill" (Macmillan) [illegible] Irish Question," [illegible] and Mr. Jesse Collings [illegible] mans).

"REUTER'S [illegible] decree elevating [illegible] to the rank of [illegible] the Emperor of [illegible] nously announced [illegible] appointed first [illegible] James's. The [illegible] nesday for the [illegible] Marquess of [illegible]

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SOME NEW BOOKS.

AN AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER ON TOUR (George Ball and Sons) is the title of a lively account of two cricketing trips, by Frank Laver, member of the Tenth (1899) Australian Cricket Team to England and Manager of the Twelfth (1905.) The author illustrates the book with no less than eighty-seven telling photographs taken by himself through the trips. These are reminiscent of different aspects of the tours taken on board ship, at critical moments, in the cricket field, some recording many bits of the exquisite New Zealand scenery, as well as views of Lords and other famous home sports and cricket fields. The records of the matches won and lost, are carefully given and analysed, while the last few [illegible] devoted to an appreciation of the [illegible] English and Australian cricket and [illegible] for making matches more typical of the [illegible] of the contesting sides. The [illegible] social aspect of the visit of [illegible] to the various places they [illegible] unbroken record of lavish and [illegible] hospitality. They fortunately [illegible] rules from which they dared [illegible] as that the team, as a whole, [illegible] tations to dinners or banquets [illegible] their chances of good cricket [illegible] not wisely fritter them away [illegible] Individual members could and [illegible] Neither at Oxford or [illegible] visits to each of these historic [illegible] take a meal at his hotel, [illegible] every where from Cricket [illegible] Mayors, Universities, Sta[illegible] individuals in scores, [illegible] except from Lords [illegible] declined. Every kin[illegible] and simple, did his [illegible] of the visitors, Lord [illegible] them to the Man[illegible] trip to that town, [illegible] casual unknown ran [illegible] to one of the party a[illegible] next race. They too[illegible] As for spectators [illegible] players received fr[illegible] the heads of any [

THE MOSCOW MASSACRE.

CONTINUED FIGHTING.

CHIEF OF THE SECRET POLICE MURDERED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The fighting continues at Moscow on the same lines as yesterday.

General Mischanko, the famous Cossack leader in the late war, has arrived at Moscow and commands the Grenadiers.

Minor encounters continue to take place at St. Petersburg and Warsaw.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The revolutionists at Moscow are still holding their own.

They have broken into the house of the Chief of the Secret Police and slaughtered him.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Great Liberal Activity.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The electoral campaign has now begun in earnest and both political head-quarters are working strenuously.

The Liberal candidates are ready in every constituency. The Unionists are less advanced, but expect a full complement at the time of the dissolution.

The Unionist Home Rule cry is somewhat disquieting the Liberals.

A circular to the Liberal candidates emphasises the necessity of not shirking the issue and quotes Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's Stirling speech as a guide to the treatment of the question.

The Liberals are most confident of converting London, and hold out the expectation that Mr. John Burns will initiate sweeping reforms in London.

MR. HENNIKER HEATON.

Declines a K.C.M.G.

Mr. Henniker Heaton has declined to accept the honour of Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

THE WAR STORES ENQUIRY.

Three Arrests.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The "Daily Telegraph" ascertains in connection with the War Stores Enquiry that one Junior Officer and two non-commissioned officers in the London district, have been placed under close arrest.

THE SITUATION IN NORTH INDIA.

DISTRESS ONLY PARTIALLY RELIEVED BY RAIN.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

So it is now possible to form some estimate of extent to which the recent rain throughout Upper India has relieved the situation in regard to the winter crops. The official crop telegrams for the past week, to-day published, show that the benefit has been real and substantial in the North West Frontier Province where rain has much improved the condition of the standing crops and enabled the spring sowings to progress satisfactorily. Elsewhere the benefit has been very much less.

In the Punjab the price of wheat is still rising in such important markets as those of Delhi, Jullundur, Lahore and Amritsar. The fodder scarcity is increasing and Rohtak, Jhajgaon, Dadni and Shahpur are added to the already long list of places in which cattle have been reported to be suffering.

In Rajputana the numbers under famine relief have gone up to 61,000, an increase of five thousand since last week.

For the United Provinces the returns are not yet published.

MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

RELIGION AND EDUCATION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIGARH Dec. 29

The second sitting of the Mahomedan Educational Conference began as usual with great enthusiasm. The hall was filled to the utmost capacity. The proceedings opened with a learned and able paper from Mr. Archibald, the Principal, tracing the origin, growth, history and expansion of elementary education in England, and showing its bearing on Moslem educational situation. Religious element in English schools had an interesting history. It had never been and could not be absent in schemes of European education. The European mind could not contemplate with equanimity divorce in secular and religious training. Private interprise in England had an entire field until recently. In India it had much scope for development. The Government would encourage it on reasonable lines. Mr. Archibald exhorted the Mussulmans to build up vigorous natural life from below by casting the educational net as wide as possible

A resolution to prepare an educational census of the Moslems elicited energetic discussion. Two medals are offered for the best workers in this field.

An important resolution to send annually one Moslem youth for scientific and industrial training in Europe was passed with acclamation. The necessary expenses were paid on the spot.

PLAGUE AT BELLARY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BELLARY, Dec. 29.

Plague is breaking out with considerable violence here and amongst surrounding villages. The authorities are evidently taking urgent action, and Mr. Reilly's transfer to Bezwada has been stopped, in order that he may be retained on plague duty. Small-pox is also very bad in the bazaar, so altogether we are not much to be envied.

PILGRIMS AND QUARANTINE.

A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNMENT.

The following message dated Home Department, Government of India, Calcutta, Dec. 27, has been addressed to "The Advocate of India."

The Government of India have heard with regret of the sufferings of Mahomedan pilgrims, which have been aggravated by their unusual numbers.

So long as there is plague in Bombay, detention in an observation camp is obligatory under the Venice Convention. The French word "observation" in the original was mistranslated "medical inspection" in English. These provisions are reproduced in clearer form in Articles 86 and 87 of the new Paris Convention, which read with Article 21, and note to it which require segregation when the port of embarkation is infected with plague, and only allow simple medical inspection when it is free from plague.

The question of abandoning Bombay as a port of embarkation is under consideration.

The Government of India hope that the hardships [illegible] by the action of the

THE ROYAL TOUR.

ARRIVAL IN CALCUTTA.

A MAGNIFICENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

CITY'S PRESENT TO THE PRINCESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

Leaving Lucknow at one-thirty yesterday afternoon, Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales reached Calcutta this afternoon and had an enthusiastic welcome from hundreds of thousands of people. Their Royal Highnesses arrived at Howrah at three o'clock and were received there by the Commissioner of Burdwan, the Magistrate of Howrah, the Commissioner of Police and the officials of the East Indian Railway. Proceeding by a covered and decorated way to the river way, they boarded a prettily decorated launch belonging to the Port Commissioners and moved down the Hooghly, between a line of shipping dressed from stem to stern, to the Prinseps Ghat where the official reception took place.

Here the Prince and Princess were received by H. H the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Sir Andrew Fraser, the Chief Justice of Bengal, the Metropolitan, the Lieutenant-General commanding the Eastern Command and the members of the Calcutta Corporation and Mr. Allan, the Chairman of the Municipality. There was a great gathering in the space at the head of the bunder and the scene was one of great brightness and impressiveness. Guards of Honour were furnished by the Calcutta Port Defence Volunteers and the Native Infantry. After the official introductions Their Royal Highnesses advanced to a dais covered with silver canopy and the Indian Vice-President of the Calcutta Corporation read an address of welcome which was afterwards presented accompanied by a handsome casket. Simultaneously a diamond and pearl necklace was presented to the Princess who placed it around her neck amid great applause.

The Prince thereafter replied to the address as follows :—

"Gentlemen. The magnificent spectacle which you have afforded to the Princess of Wales and myself, the vast crowds which are assembled to welcome us, and the eloquent words of your address will remain among our most memorable experiences of this great Empire and its peoples. We both know that we are merely the fortunate recipients of the loyalty which the citizens of Calcutta feel for the King-Emperor, and in conveying to him your utterances of allegiance and devotion I shall endeavour to describe the impressive scene on which we are now looking.

"There is perhaps nothing in the whole of India more typical of the relations between the British and Indians than Calcutta which has grown from a river swamp to be the second city of our Empire If as you say the prosperity which blesses this place is common to all India, we may congratulate ourselves on the results of the bond between the Mother Country and India. Every citizen of this great capital may feel a legitimate pride in the wonderful town which has sprung up on the Hooghly, and our fellow subjects in other parts of the Empire will see in Calcutta's present prosperity and future growth, the sign which I recognise everywhere in India of a union which under God's providence seems destined to endure.

"It is a great pleasure to the Princess and to myself that she has been able to accompany me to India and on her behalf I thank you most heartily for the beautiful gift which Calcutta so generously offers her and which she will always treasure as a charming remembrance of our visit and a token of affection and good will."

The members of the Corporation were then introduced and subsequently Their Royal Highnesses drove off to Government House, The route was across the maidan which was crowded with an immense multitude and cheers were raised as the Prince and Princess as they drove away ; the 15th Hussars, the Imperial Cadets, "A" Battery of Field Artillery and the Calcutta Light Horse furnished the escort."

At Government House Their Royal Highnesses were received by their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Minto, H. E. the Commander-in-Chief and their staffs. The Viceregal Body-Guard lined the steps and in front of the entrance a Guard of Honour and the Royal Navy were drawn up.

Their Royal Highnesses dined quietly at Government House to-night and the Prince afterwards held a levee which was very largely attended. Lord and Lady Minto and all the principal officials of the Government of India, Lord Kitchener and members of head quarters staffs being also presented.

The Tashi Lama witnessed the whole proceedings from the balcony.

THE ROYAL LEVEE.

LATER.

The Royal Levee took place to-night and was a record one in size. The difficulty as to the relative precedence of his Royal Highness and the Viceroy was got over by Lord Minto's absenting himself. There was a big crush at the start, but arrangements otherwise were admirable. The Prince stood for over two hours receiving and acknowledging salutes.

MOHAMEDAN LADIES' EXHIBITION.

A VERY ENCOURAGING DILPAY.

ALIGARH Dec. 29.

A ladies' Exhibition, the finest of its kind, was opened on Wednesday by Mrs. Mohamadalli with an impressive ceremony. About 80 Moslem ladies from all parts of India were present including all the European ladies of the station.

The exhibits represent choicest works done in India, silk embroideries, exquisite needle-works, oil paintings, new toilet designs, beautiful patterns, delicate specimen work, all these tastefully arranged make the Exhibition a thorough and race success.

Her Highnesses the Begum of Bhopal the Maharani of Patiala, the Begum of Janjira, have contributed richly wrought and finely executed exhibits. One is impressed with the wealth of aesthetic taste and talents that are displayed, giving pleasant reminiscences of the fine indigenous arts of India.

THE CALCUTTA COURT MARTIAL.

LIEUTENANT GAYE CASHIERED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

The sentence passed by the Court Martial on Lieutenant Gaye of the West Riding Regiment has been confirmed and was promulgated on Thursday when the officer in question was cashiered.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT signed, not so long ago, a decree, obliging candidates for the American Consular Service to pass an examination instead of being as hitherto, selected for political reasons. This rule has had, however, but a restricted effect, and can be annulled by his successor. Mr. Willey, representative of the State of New Jersey in Congress, is about to assist the President in his endeavour to raise the Consular standard in America by presenting for the consideration of the United States Government, a Bill raising the remuneration of the members of the Consular Service, granting them a uniform, and requiring that they should know the language of the country to which they are accredited.

MUCH attention continues to be paid to the finding of diamonds near Gwelo in Matabeleland. The diamond area is fourteen miles south of that town and is estimated to have an area of forty-five square miles. Numerous trial borings have been made and prospectors are now industriously searching out the lie of the "pipe." The borings have revealed, besides diamonds, the existence of other precious and half precious stones, such as sapphires, alexandrites, amethysts and garnets.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.

THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Balfour had not long been in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility than he hurried off to Manchester to explain to his own constituent why he suddenly changed his mind and resolved to resign rather than face Parliament. It will be remembered that the two newspapers who were taken into his confidence and permitted to foreshadow his retirement said in effect that it was all on account of Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Bristol. Mr. Balfour at Newcastle appealed to the party to unite on the authorized programme. Mr. Chamberlain at Bristol said in effect "confound the authorized programme ; let us unite on my programme and go to the country at once." Mr. Balfour in seeking to justify the course he has chosen to adopt does not follow altogether the line the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" were instructed to take. "I have" he said "heard a great many wild theories developed, dealing with the grounds on which in the opinion of gentlemen who want office, those who have office ought to abandon it, and perhaps you will remember that these discussions came to an acute crisis at the end of July in last Session, when, on some chance division in Estimates, the Government suffered a defeat, and a clamour arose from the Opposition calling upon the Government, not always in very moderate language, to resign office, we refused to resign office and we were absolutely right. In surveying all the transactions of the past year, I make no question whatever that the course which we actually pursued was the constitutional course, that it was in conformity with the best traditions of Parliamentary Government, and that it not merely had that general support from the best traditions of our predecessors, but that it was of greater importance for the public interests of the country."

But why was it right to resign in December when it was wrong to do so in July ? First—and we have heard this frequently before—the Government were bound to remain in office until the Anglo-Japanese negotiations were finished. After the Washington Treaty had been concluded what was the work that remained to be accomplished ? "It was a Redistribution Bill, the general outlines of which were indicated to the House of Commons and the country last Session, which would necessarily and naturally have been the work which would have devolved upon the Government to carry through in the Session now to come, had we retained office and had we carried on, or endeavoured to carry on, the Government until one more Session had elapsed. Let me remind you of what perhaps is not present to the memory of all whom I am addressing—namely that a Redistribution Bill is a measure which necessarily requires more than usual unanimity, discipline, and enthusiasm on the part of Governmental forces which have to carry it through the House of Commons. There have been Redistribution Bills before, but there has never been a Redistribution Bill carried apart from a Reform Bill, and it is the enthusiasm which the Reform Bill has excited which has been sufficient to waft into port, through all the Parliamentary difficulties, through all the Parliamentary storms and shoals, the Redistribution Bill by which it was accompanied. But after all, neither we nor, so far as I know, any other great party in the State desire to deal with the franchise question. The franchise is already in a condition which makes the people of this country the arbiters of the destinies of the country, and what was required was not a Reform Bill, but a Bill which should wipe out some of the grossest of those anomalies which the progress of time, the movement of the population, the changes of trade necessarily bring into any electoral system after a certain number of years have elapsed. Observe, therefore, that the task which we had before us, though not a task of great difficulty in principle, was a task of extraordinary difficulty in Parliamentary practice. Of course, every constituency which was abolished would strongly object to the process which brought its existence to a summary termination. Every constituency which had its boundaries altered would supply many critics of the Bill and of the Government which altered them, and, I think, you may take it from me—I doubt whether any capable Parliamentary critic will differ from what I am saying—that of all measures a measure of redistribution, unaccompanied by a measure of reform, is probably the one which requires the most undivided, the most enthusiastic support on the part of the members of the House of Commons which support the Government in whose charge and keeping that Bill is." Such is Mr. Balfour's attempted justification for plunging the country into the turmoil of a General Election with all the excitement and bitterness of feeling it entails at the season of peace on earth and good will towards men. Whether Mr. Balfour was actuated by the unworthy motives attributed to him by his opponents at the present generation may not and never know. Whether, whatever his motives may have been, he has done a good thing in the interest of this party remains to be seen. Lookers on see most of the game. In yesterday's "Times" there is a letter from a former wellknown member of the House of Commons, Sir Henry Howorth who speaks of Mr. Balfour's resignation as "suicide" and as "an indefensible experiment." But after all Sir Henry Howorth is a notorious grumbler and if he stood alone it would not much matter. He does not stand alone. Many Conservatives including apparently the ex-Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Walter Long, also think that from a tactical point of view Mr. Balfour has made a mistake. I know there are some Liberals who now think the same although they all at first protested against Mr. Balfour's action as a scurvy trick. I say all ; but it is interesting to remember that no word of protest has been uttered by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, though such prominent Liberals as Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Haldane and the rest scouted the notion that the party would allow themselves to be the innocent victims of Mr. Balfour's manœuvre. What some Liberals are now saying is that Mr. Balfour has committed a huge blunder in letting C. B. form such a strong Government—and every body admits that it is strong—if it can only hold together the General Election. It has been the constant taunt of the Conservatives that their opponents were such a poor wretched lot that it would be impossible to form even a second rate Cabinet out of such materials.

But by common consent Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has surrounded himself with a body of men who to say the least, man for man, will compare favourably with the Government that has just disappeared from the scene unwept, unhonoured and unmourned. It is a great feather in C.B's. cap and people are beginning to ask whether after all he is such a negligeable quantity. Certainly he has come out of this business exceedingly well, and the way in which he has snubbed Lord Rosebery and refused to listen to those who urged him to compel Mr. Balfour to treat Parliament shows that he has what is called grit. He also showed shrewdness, for it is becoming increasingly clear that if he had declined the King's invitation to form a Government, Mr. Balfour would still have insisted upon resigning and another might have been sent for. Perhaps Lord Rosebery. Who knows ? At the same time if Mr. Balfour may have lost in one way, he has certainly gained in another by the recrudescence of the Home Rule question. The Liberals say it is a bogey and that the country will not be influenced by the cry that the Union is in danger. Perhaps not ; but the Sterling speech and the Bodmin reply have had a depressing effect on the rank and file Liberal party. One can never tell what may happen in politics. The new Government has on the whole made a distinctly favourable impression and there seems to be a disposition on the part of the men who always turn the scale at a General Election—the men who are not party politicians—to give Sir Henry Campbell Fannerman and his friends a fair chance. But it is undesirable that the expectation of sweeping the country is not as great as it was before the sole issue or at any rate the preponderating issue was Fiscalitis. The sooner the Liberals get the fight over the better it may be for them. I have no space to comment on the personnel of the Government. The appointment that creates the greatest amount of interest is that of Mr, John Burns. His friends think that he will do well, but many persons are afraid that he will be up to tricks and so bring discredit, if not disaster, upon his colleagues before almost they are firmly fixed in the saddle—that is assuming they should be fixed in the saddle. The selection of Mr. John Ellis to be Under Secretary of State for India is a curious one in all the circumstances, and probably not meant to be permanent. Certain persons would have pref erred to see Sir Charles Dilke at the India Office instead of Mr. John Morley. It is a pity Sir Charles has been left out to please the Nonconformists, but he would have been better at the War Office than the India Office.

STANDARD TIME IN BOMBAY.

A BELATED PETITION.

To The Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay.

Sir,—On behalf of ourselves and very numerous other residents in Bombay, we have the honour to forward for the favourable consideration of Government the accompanying Public Petition against the proposed introduction into Bombay, of what has been termed "Standard Time."

2. We need hardly remind Government, that the time has been very short since it was officially announced definitely that Standard Time was to be adopted. But for this circumstance, the accompanying Petition which at present bears about 15,000 signatures, would certainly have been signed by at least three or four times the number.—We have the honour to be Sir,

Your most obedient servants

(Sd). AHMEDBHOY HABIBBHOY,

(Sd.) MANMOHANDAS RAMJI

(Sd.) CALLIANJEE AMURCHAND.

Bombay 28th December.

The following is the petition which has been sent to H. E. the Governor :—

May it please Your Excellency. —We the undersigned inhabitants of the city of Bombay pray most humbly and respectfully that Your Excellency will kindly consider our petition against the adoption of Standard Time in our city, and we commend to your favourable consideration in the following statement of our case.

The adoption of Standard Time in Bombay would be against the principles of modern science. For, since the time when clocks were manufactured in the 16th century, time in different parts of Europe and America was fixed according to the degrees of longitude, in which the places were situated. In India, time was accordingly fixed for different places about 200 years ago or more, since when it is going on smoothly. Thus the Local Bombay Time was fixed to be 4 hours and 51 minutes Madras Time 5 hours and 21 minutes and Calcutta Time 6 hours more than the Greenwich (London) Time. There is a difference of 4 minutes to every degree of longitude, every one of which to the East indicates 4 minutes more and to the West four less than the said Greenwich Time. Thus the arrangement of time is based upon the strictest principles of modern science and not upon the convenience of a microscopic minority of officials and a few hundred foreign visitors. Thus the adoption of a system of timing opposed entirely to natural mean solar time is in the present age, a retrograde movement which should never be adopted unless there are most solid grounds and weighty reasons, adduced for such a step.

Your petitioners have not yet been made aware of the reason or reasons for the adoption of the Standard Time, though it is nigh four months that the movement has been set on foot by Government. The principal object is apparently to secure uniformity of time throughout India and to suit the convenience of travellers by railway. So far as travellers are concerned who merely pass through Bombay, no change in Local Time appears to be called for. Such travellers are mostly accustomed to adjusting their movements to the different times followed in different countries which they visit and the adoption of Standard Time for Bombay would not add appreciably to their greater convenience. In the absence of any reason we are not in a position to examine and judge what may be the superior advantages to this proposed artificial time on the natural one still in vogue.

Bombay is justly called the "Urbs prima in Indis" and is the capital of Commercial India. When Madras Time was adopted in several places of the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, particularly on Railways, in the year 1878, Bombay was excepted on certain grounds. If these grounds held good when Madras time, which is 30 minutes in advance of Bombay Time was adopted, they will by much more applicable when Standard Time, which is 39 minutes more, is to be adopted. Besides as a matter of fact almost the entire population of Bombay has not known hitherto of any time except the one indicated by the sun, which by a consensus of scientific opinion is deemed to be the right and proper one. It is superfluous to state that no person or body of persons or institutions in Bombay has adopted any other than the Local Time for their respective daily purposes. If people in town have hitherto never been reconciled to even Madras Time it is logically apparent that much less they could be made to reconcile themselves to his new fangled Standard Time.

The adoption of Standard Time in Bombay is highly prejudical to the interest of religious communities. They offer prayers and perform religious ceremonies at particular times which indicate positions of the sun in heaven. Thus for instance 12-30 p. m, is the time of the "Azan" of the second prayer of the Mohomedans, which if Local Time be standardized would be 11-51 a.m. when the sun would never be overhead. Thus the adoption of Standard Time would cause a great confusion and inconvenience among the Mohomedans. It would also interfere specially with certain daily religious rites, prayers and so forth which every Hindu, Mohomedan and Jew has to perform in conformance with his religious belief.

The adoption of Standard Time will cause great confusion in Mercantile Offices, Banks, and Mills because no clearly defined scheme has been propounded as to the hours of business to be observed. The custom is almost universal of beginning business in Mercantile Circles and Banks at 10 a. m. Should these hours be altered notwithstanding the adoption of Standard Time there would be much hardship inflicted on all subordinates especially during winter months when the period between sunrise and business hours would be curtailed by 39 minutes, and thus all ordinary domestic arrangements of our daily household based on solar time for centuries past would be upset. Should, however, the opening hour of business be altered to 10-30 or 10-45 a.m., the tendency would sooner or later be to revert to the universal hour of 10 o'clock, so great is the force of ancient custom in such matters. The inconvenience, confusion and hardship caused by the adoption of Standard Time, during winter months, would be still intensified in the case of those who come down from suburbs and such places as Bandora, Cooria, Thana, Kalian, etc., who when leaving will look at clocks. Thus, when days are short the sun goes down at 5-21 pm, which would be 6-0 pm, by Standard Time. When days are long, the large subordinate agency without whom the city's business cannot be satisfactorily carried on, would clamour for the late time and thus work will be delayed and masters will suffer. Such confusion would be very serious, especially in Mills and Factories where employes can make strikes. The result will be that confusion and loss would be the sure upshot if Standard Time be adopted in Bombay, where there are more Offices, Mills and other working concerns than in any other single place in India. Besides we respectfully beg to inquire where lies the advantage of adoption, though on the other hand, it is certain that, if adopted, it would disadvantage both employers and employes, and all others seriously in more ways than one.

A uniform time if fixed for the whole of India must result in certain parts of the country having a time largely at variance with Local Time and must lead to considerable inconvenience and confusion to the population at large in such parts ; and there appears to be no real ground, for the proposal. It is probably necessary that the Railways should have one uniform time and they have got it. But it cannot be that what is good on Railways is good for the population at large. There is not an iota of evidence yet advanced before the public that there had been at any time any demand from millions of the various population of the country that Standard Time was essential or requisite. If then there be no popular demand for a change, and if the change itself is accompanied by no advantage, where we respectfully beg to inquire, may be the utility of forcing it

For the several reasons and objections stated, your petitioners most respectfully trust that your Excellency in Council will be so good as to communicate to the Government of India the views we entertain so that the proposed innovation may be wholly abandoned so far as our own city is concerned.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following notices have been issued by the officiating Presidency Postmaster.

POSTAL NOTICE.

With effect from the 1st January, 1905 Standard Time will be kept at the BOMBAY GENERAL POST OFFICE and the revised hours of business, delivery and posting are noted below :—

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

	Week-days. A. M.	Week-days. P. M.	Sundays.
Poste Restante Office ..... References and Enquiries.	8-30 to 7-30		7-30 to 10-30 a. m. 3-30 to 6-30 p. m.
Registered, Insured and V P Letters	7-30 to 6-30		.....
Unregistered, Registered, Insured and V P Parcels	7-30 to 6-30		.....
Money Orders and British Postal Orders	10-30 to 4-30		.....
Telegraphic Money Orders	7-30 to 6-30		7-30 to 10-30 a m 4-30 to 6-30 p m
Savings Bank ..... Certificates of Postings ...	10-30 to 4-30 1-30 to 2-0		..... 7-30 to 8-30 p m
Sale of Postage Stamps ..	6-30 to 9-15		7-30 to 1-30 a m 4-30 to 9-15 p m

*As the Times of India Office Close up [illegible]

HOURS OF DELIVERY.

An hourly delivery of unregistered correspondence from 7-0 a.m. to 7-0 p.m. on week-days, On Sundays at 10-0 a.m. and 5-0 p.m. only.

Registered articles and Money Orders at 10-30 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. and 5-0 p.m. on week-days only.

HOURS OF POSTING.

	Parcels. Times of India Office	Parcels. General Post Office.	Registered letters.	Letters with late fee.	Unregistered letters.	Names of principal mails.
English Mail	11- 0 a.m. (Saturdays)	11- 0 a.m. (Saturdays).	11-30 a.m.* (Saturdays).	1-15 p.m. (Saturdays).	12-30 p.m. (Saturdays).	...
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpore)	6-30 p.m.	6-30 p.m.	6-30 p.m.	8-15 p.m.	7-30 p.m.	...
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	9- 0 a.m.	9- 0 a.m.	10-30 a.m.	.....	11- 0 a.m.	...
Madras Mail	10- 0 a.m.	5-30 p.m.	6-30 p.m.	8-45 p.m.	8- 0 p.m.	...
Punjab Mail	6-30 p.m.	2- 0 p.m.	5-30 p.m.	.....	4- 0 p.m.	...
Ahmedabad Mail	3- 0 p.m.	5-30 p.m.	6-30 p.m.	8-30 p.m.	5- 0 p.m.	...
Southern Maratha Country Mail	6-30 p.m.	1- 0 p.m.	1-30 p.m.	.....	2- 0 p.m.	...

* With late fee u. to 12-0 noon.

With effect from the Outward English Mail due to leave Bombay on the 6th January 1905, the hour of departure of the steamer has been fixed at 2 p. m. Standard Time.

The latest hours of posting at the General Post Office from that date will be as follows in Standard Time.

Letters, Papers, &c.	...	12-30 p. m.
Letters, papers, &c., with late fee	...	1-15 p. m.
Registered letters	...	11-30 a. m.
Registered letters with late fee	...	12 noon.
Insured letters	...	10 a. m.
Parcels and money orders	...	11 a. m.

Note.—Unregistered articles with late fee will also be received (in the fair season only) at the Apollo Bandar Post Office up to 1-15 p. m. and always on board the foot-going steamer up to 2 p. m.

GOA NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NOVA GOA, Dec. 26.

H. E. VISCOUNT DE WERM with Mr. Geor, both members of the Diplomatic Service arrived here on board the Portuguese Cruiser S. Gabriel, and are the guests of H. E. Colonel Arnaldo Novaes, the new Governor General. The Cruiser hailed off Agoada for a short time only to land these visitors.

H. E. Lord Lamington and suite are due here on the 30th Dec. and will be received with due honours. The city is busy in arranging a suitable welcome to the distinguished guests. A large number of visitors from Bombay is also expected to be amongst us to enjoy the New Year Holidays. During December several well-known English ladies and gentlemen have paid visits to this place.

The news which arrived here from Portugal by the last mail extinguishing the Goa Medical School has caused but very little surprise, for this is the second attempt made for introducing into the country medical men from Europe and driving away the small army of would-be followers of Esculapius who for parental solicitude could not emigrate. Now comes the day for quacks, who are jubilant over the retrogressive step. The previous attack, dating about three years back, to extinguish this Medical School brought out the Educational Reform which raised the Goa Lyceum to the standard of the Home Lyceum. It yet remains to be seen if the authorities are bent upon remaining deaf to the cry of the people and thus helping to drive the student folk abroad.

The rumour that the Patriatch Archbishop of Lisbon is about to resign on account of the late difference between the Vatican and the Council of the See, has found room in some of the Lisbon dailies and the "Diario das Noticias" is credited with the report. The Patriarch-Archbishop of Goa is mentioned as the candidate of the clergy, the President of the Council backing up another and the Vatican a third. The present Archbishop of Goa has done enough creditable work in India and for the sake of his health all wish that he may be chosen successor. The Vicar General Mons. J. J. de Abreu, Domestic Prelate to His Holiness, who is eminently fit for the post and has on several occasions acted for H. G. during his absence on leave or otherwise, can very well fill up the vacancy which may be caused by the transfer and promotion of the present Archbishop.

ALIBAG NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIBAG, Dec. 27.

THE lull following the visit of H. E. Lord Lamington was broken by the prize-giving to the girls of Mrs. Brown's A. V. Girls' School on the eve of Christmas ; the Christmas Tree of Mrs. Wallinger on Christmas day ; the marriage yesterday of Miss Sarah Bhowanka with Dr. E B. Gaikwad at the John Elphinston High School of the U. F. C. Mission. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. E. Wilkie Brown, M. A. in the presence of a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, European and Native ; several Bhattia millionaires have been here quite recently to visit the temple of Kankeshwar at the top of a hill 6 miles from Alibag—they were entertained by Mr. Govind Baba at a Pansupari meeting in his house and introduced to several gentlemen in the town.

As a result of the efforts of the Rev. Brown and Dr. Semis, the Civil Surgeon, a Literary and Scientific Society has been started in Alibag for the diffusion of general knowledge, Literary, Historical and Scientific, by means of readings, lectures, papers and conversation. Arrangement is also made for monthly lectures. And two have already been given—one by Mr. K. N. Dravid, of the Fergusson College, on the Survey of Sanskrit Literature, the Vedas, and the other by Prof. Cuthbert, of the Wilson College, Bombay, on Browning the Poet. A third lecture is to be on 'Babylon' by the Rev. J. Cameron, Senior Presidency Chaplain, Church of Scotland, on Saturday next. It is most interesting to note that most of the European gentlemen and one lady, Mrs. Wilkie Brown, have become members of Society. It may be hoped that this will strengthen the Society. Mr. Coukerbutty, the Collecter of Kolaba, has kindly consented to be the Honorary President of the Society. There are about 25 members.

In these days of improved locomotion it is a boon to Alibag, Revdanda and Thal that they have a local steamer running between them and Bombay. But there are several things which the B. S. N. Co. should do for their own name and for the convenience of passengers. It is most disappointing to passengers to be taken in a passenger boat about 3 miles from shore into the sea and there to learn that the steamer won't touch the port. Missing the engagement, waste of time, disappointment &c. are the result. The Company should see that passengers are not thus inconvenienced and disappointed.

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT PLASSY.

The hired Transport **Plassy**, under the Command of Captain E. R. Dowell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Southampton, which port she left on the 8th December, and called at Port Said and Suez. She brought drafts for different regiments, consisting of 43 officers, 25 ladies and 7 children, 23 warrant officers, 18 women, and 15 children, 1,238 non-commissioned officers and men, 48 women and 64 children. During the voyage she experienced N. E. winds, fine weather and smooth sea. The troops were landed at the Sassoon Dock, and despatched to their respective destinations in three trains. The following are the names of the officers :—

Major Vice Massereem D S O 17th Lancers — Major and Mrs Pattley Essex Regt
Lieut Greenwell 1st Durham L I — Lieut Baillie Hamilton R Highlanders
2nd Lieut Davis 2nd K R R Corps — Captain and Mrs Woolridge 109th Infty
2nd Lieut Borton 2nd K R R Corps — Lieut Rogers 101th Fusiliers
Captain Duckworth 1st York and Lanc — Captain and Mrs Pritchard 77th Mopleds
Lieut Parkinson 1st York and Lanc — Lieut Jackson Gurkha Rifles
Lieut Ponchier R F A — Major Clark A O Dets
Lieut Col and Mrs Alexander R G A — Lieut and Miss Copus I C Dept
Lieut Howlett R G A — Sub Lieut Bowles R I M
Lieut Dunstervills H G A — Family of Capt Hawkes 18 Hussars
Lieut McCleery R A M C — Family of Capt Bannerman 31st Lancers
Major Hugo R A M C — Family of Gen Tennan 20th Deccan Horse
Lieut Hills R A M C — Daughter of Major H General
Lieut Lynch R A M C — Ho U Daughter Drummond
Lieut Mayston R A M C — B U L Family of Lieu Hodgson 6th Dragoons
Captain and Mrs English Shropshire L I — Family of Lieut Davidson Seaforth High
Lieut Kirkcaldie R E — Mrs Clay Q A M N S I
Lieut Holland R E — Miss Brown Q A M N S I
Captain Hartan I M S — Rev and Mrs Buckley E Dept
Lieut McWatt I M S — Wife of Rev Brown Constable E Dept
Lieut Hamilton I M S — Miss Collen School Mistress
Captain and Mrs Maclaughlin M Fus — Mrs Cullen School Mistress
Capt in Lawrence S W Borderers — 2nd Lieut Wise I A
Wife and Sister of Lieut Gray Major Lucknow — Rev Gay Gen E Chaplain
Lieut Kennard 15th Hussars — Rev Hayward R C Chaplain
Lieut Peter 11th Hussars — Lieut Watson I A
Captain Routledge S Staffordshire — Mrs Rivet Carnac
Lieut Hore Ruthven 8 Highlanders — Miss Dixon
Lieut Saunders Leinster — Miss Davis

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY

LONDON, Dec. 15.

HOME.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The King arrived in London on Sunday from Cricket and received Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, who presented the list of his new Cabinet. The list is :—Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman. Lord Chancellor, Sir R. Reid, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Asquith, Home Secretary, Mr. H. Gladstone, Foreign Secretary, Sir E. Grey, Colonial Secretary, Lord Elgin, Secretary for War, Mr. Haldane, Secretary for India, Mr. John Morley, First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Tweedmouth, President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Local Government Board, Mr. John Burns, Secretary for Scotland, Mr J. Sinclair, President of Board of Agriculture, Lord Carrington, Post-Master-General, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Bryce, President of the Council, Lord Crewe, Lord Privy Seal, Lord Ripon, President of the Board of Education, Mr. Birrell, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir H Fowler. Outside the Cabinet are Lord Aberdeen, Viceroy of Ireland, Mr. L. V. Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, Mr. G. Whiteley, M. P., Patronage Secretary of the Treasury, Chief Whip, Mr. Churchill, Under-secretary for the Colonies, Mr. J. L. Walton Attorney-General and Mr. W. S. Robson, Solicitor General. The new Ministers received the seals of office on Monday. The writs for the general election will be issued about January 8.

Honours.—On the retirement of the late Ministry Lord Tredegar and Sir M. Hicks Beach have been made Viscounts. Mr. Ritchie, M. P., Sir W. Walrond, M. P., Sir H. Meysey Thompson M. P., Sir H. de Sous Sir A. Hamsworth, Mr. E. Beckett Faber M. P., and Mr. W. H Grenfell, M. P., are created Barons. Ten baronetcies and 14 knighthoods are conferred and Mr. Henniker Heaton is appointed a K. C. M. G.

The Prime Minister and Mr. John Burns on Wednesday received a deputation from the unemployed.

Sir E. Grey held his first reception of the Diplomatic Body at the Foreign office on Wednesday.

Mr. Balfour, addressing his constituents in East Manchester on Saturday gave reasons of the late Ministry for resigning. He declared that the new Ministry were bound to Home Rule by every pledge and by endless votes and speeches. But he appealed to the Radicals to abstain from the most criminal of blunders—that of destroying South Africa industries—by carping at their decisions about Chinese labour.

Lord Rosebery presiding on Monday over the council of the Liberal League, congratulated all the members of the Government on the offices being all well filled. He steadfastly adhered to what he had said at Bodmin, and he hoped the new Government would have a majority independent of the Irish vote.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke on the 7th at a meeting of the Oxford University Tariff Reform League. The new Imperial idea, he said, was that all our Colonies should be included in one self-sufficing federation.

Court.—The King left London on Tuesday for Welbeck Abbey on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Portland. The Queen had arrived at Welbeck on the previous day.

Diplomatic Appointment.—Sir A Hardinge, from Persia, becomes Minister in Belgium ; Mr. C. Spring Rice Minister in Persia. Sir J. Bonham Minister in Switzerland Mr. L. Cardin, Minister for Central America.

Ecclesiastical.—Archdeacon Price, of Osaka, has been made Bishop of Fuh-kien.—The Dean of Westminster has begun a course of lectures on the elements of the Gospel history.

Election.—In the New Forest Division of Hampshire Mr. Compton (C.) was returned with 4,539 votes against 4,340 for Sir R. Hobart (L.)

Football.—The Rugby match between Oxford

known that certain important statements, that have been made to the police, have been, in their judgment, insufficiently investigated. The county police, in whose hands the charge of the case has been left, made up their minds at the outset that, to quote the words of one of them, "it was no murder," and despite the evidence of the struggle in the carriage that was given at the inquest, despite the expert medical testimony to the marks of the struggle, and despite also the further statements that Miss Money could only have left the carriage through the window, they have never really moved from the untenable ground of suicide. So far as they are concerned it is a case of the vision having been obscured by preconceived ideas before inquiry, and of reluctance to grasp fresh and significant facts.

For a few days, a week or more after the crime was committed, Scotland Yard took up the case, but only to examine certain individuals and then to leave it again to provincial hands. "If, therefore, there has been failure," says Scotland Yard, "it is no fault of ours." Many persons will hesitate to accept this attitude of Scotland Yard as a perfect excuse. They ought to have pushed on with their investigation. Inspector Fox, who had charged of the inquiry whilst it lasted, is an official with a high reputation; he has done excellent detective work, notably in bringing the Deptford murderers to justice; and it must be much against his interests—as doubtless against his inclination—to let it drop with the derogatory word "Failure" written large across it. There can be no possible excuse for allowing the mystery, if such it can really be called, to remain where it is.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CUSTOMS.

On Thursday afternoon a very successful entertainment was held at the Town Custom House when Mrs. M. M. Gubbay, was at "Home" to the Officers of the several departments under the control of the Collector of Customs, and their wives and children. One of the large sheds had been beautified by means of bunting and other decorations into a fine spacious hall, in which was provided a large Christmas Tree and various other amusements for the entertainment of the children, and refreshments for the older guests. There were present over sixty children and a hundred adults, who evidently warmly appreciated the kindly interest taken in them by their hostess.

The evening's entertainment which included a banjo solo by Mr. Da Costa and a flute solo by Mr. Rhenius was successfully brought to a close about 7 p. m.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 15TH DEC.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Oriental, Capt. H. G. H. Lavellin R. N. R., arrived in harbour last night with the English mails of the 15th Dec. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Baker Mr E	Espee Mr and Mrs
Buchanan Major A	Lloyd Mr A E
Campbell Miss M	Mayne Mr R J M
Collingridge Mr and G J	Mackenzie Mr A F
Collister Mr J E	Sanderson Mr and Mrs
Cotton Mrs and child	Woodlock Mrs and infant

FROM MARSEILLES

Bennetts Mr C B	Kay C. H. C
Boggs Mr C H S	Lawrence Mr A E
Calvin Lady	Marsden Col J C
Geoke Mr E	Rosichenfeldt Mr
Clarke Mr H M	Rose Mr J P
Collingridge Mr and Mrs G T	Samuel Mr K
Crosthwaite Lt C G	Schalist Mr
Densa Mr W	Shaw Mr W H
Dewar Mr G E	Snadden Mr M
Estes Rev H W and Mrs	Stewart Mr D C
Grant J D	Sullivan Capt H A
Hardwicke Capt P E	Victor Mr
Hardwicke Mrs	Von Gleim Mr W W R
Horne Mr J J	Webb Lt W F B
Hanston Capt and Mrs W M	Wilson Mr
Hawkin Miss	Woodcock Mr E M
Jesselsohn Mr W	

FROM PORTSAID—Cook Mr R T
FROM BRINDISI—Heap Mr R R

FOR KARACHI.

Bauld R B	Harkness Major H A D
Brice Mrs J N	Hunter Miss
Gibson Mr R E	

HOMEWARD MAIL.

The following passengers are booked to proceed to-day by the P. and O. Company's steamer Peninsular Commander Palmer, to Marseilles and London :—

Atkinson, Mr N W	Potts, Mrs
Raynes, Lieut G.	Potts Mr
Book, Mr G W	Rain Gopal, Mr Pundit
Biles Mr F	Russell, Major, the Hon A
Burton, Mr H F	Stevston Mr W G
Campbell, Mr A	Tomkinson Mr James
Carr Mr and Mrs R C C, 1st	Tardley Wilmot Mrs M and daughter
Framiss, Mr B S	Macpherson Capt N
Harrison, Miss	Crossley Mr
Herbert, Mr	Lloyd Mr and Miss
Irwin, Miss Ethel	Watson Mr T M
Isherwood, Mr Bennett	Powell Capt E B
Khan, Mr S B A	Vaughan Mr W
Landit Rangopal	

FATHER GAPON'S STORY.

GREAT and soul-shaking events have recently followed each other in such rapid succession in Russia, that the story of "Red Sunday" in St. Petersburg seems almost ancient history by now. Ten months have passed, and each has been fraught with heavy consequences for the country of the Czar, both at home and abroad. Yet of one of the most prominent figures of that terrible day so little even now is known, comparatively speaking, that this, his story, told in his own words, possesses a great deal that is fresh and interesting, while it also arouses speculation as to what relative importance the events of January 24, held to subsequent happenings, and how far they influenced the movements of protest and resolution that have since arisen.

Father Gapon, in his book, definitely claims that he or rather, the consequences of his act set the ball of revolution rolling.

The massacres of January were a revelation which brought about a complete change in the mind of the nation. This act of the Czar's Government proved to be a finishing stroke to the many years of educatinal work which had been carried on at so much sacrifice by the revolutionary parties by the many years of misrule and its sequel of misery and suffering, and last but not least, by the criminal and senseless war, which was as much hated by the whole people as it was harmful to them.

And again—

It was a definite and irrevocable lesson, as everything that has followed proves beyond doubt. With unexampled solidarity, one town after another responded to the shouts of horror of the workmen of the capital, and struck work or the performance of their professional duties—teachers, barristers, journalists as well as skilled and unskilled labourers, beginning with Moscow and Riga, and rolling southward to the industrial regions of the west, the steppes of the Black Sea, and even into the mountains of the Caucasus.

The details of his early life and education, and of the manner in which he gradually reached his present attitude towards the Government of the Czar, are instructive, but not dissimilar to the experiences of other champions of the people's cause in Russia; only he makes clear, what was already generally understood, that his work was quite distinct and apart from that of the Revolutionary party. He organised the St. Petersburg workmen on his own account, and appears to have done it very cleverly.

The police authorities, for their own purposes, already encouraged—and in fact practically ran—"workmen's associations." According to Gapon, attempts were repeatedly made to induce him to enlist his services under the official banner. But he always held aloof, and claims that instead of the police using him as they wished to, he succeeded to a large extent in using, or at all events hoodwinking, the police.

The author's account of the massacres of January, accords generally with those which were made public in the newspapers at the time. Yet in some points they have naturally a peculiarly forcible and graphic character. The suddenness and unexpectedness of the first blow comes out with particular clearness. And of the mock deputation of workmen to the Czar a couple of days later Father Gapon gives us a remarkably striking narrative obtained from one of those who were present.

It is not easy to decide how far Gapon and the other leading spirits in organising the petition to the Czar foresaw the bloody consequences of their act. We have been told that the people were absolutely thunderstruck; that they had never dreamt of such results. But this book appears to indicate that Gapon at least had a very considerable suspicion of what the result would be—an admission which lays upon him, to say the least of it, the burden of a terrible responsibility. After the massacres had practically run their course he comments :—

It was now perfectly evident that there was no longer any possibility of doing anything in the open streets unless the people were provided with arms.

A conclusion which most sane men, one imagines, would have been able to reach without the day's bitter experiences.

The story of Father Gapon's subsequent escape over the Finnish frontier makes exciting reading, full of incident. Since he reached safety, he tells us, he has devoted his time to the organisation of a general outbreak.

It is, of course, impossible to expect that the general outbreak will wait till the whole army mutinies. It is an elemental fore which gets stronger the more often it is repressed, and grows in its very exercise. The only thing that the leaders of the revolutionary movement can do is to organise this elemental force so as to deal the blow more quickly to make the duration of the struggle shorter, to avoid innocent bloodshed, to achieve an effect as decisive and as favourable to the masses as circumstances permit. It is to these ends that I have directed my activity since I left Russia.

That the time will come, and come soon the author is convinced.

"I may say, therefore, with certainty, that the situation is quickly aproaching its inviteble climax; that Nicholas II. is preparing for himself the fate which befell certain English King and a certain French statesman, and that such members of his dynasty as escape manhart from the throes of the revolution may, on some day in the not very distant future, find themselves exiles upon some Western shore."

And with these words he ends his distinctly forceful and well-told narrative.

"A TRULY NATIONAL INSTITUTION."

UNDER the heading the "Indian" Mirror writes :—A truly national all-India institution is to be opened in Bombay next year, under the holy name of 'Seva Sadan.' Our Hindu readers will not require to be told what meaning these magic words convey. Suffice it to say, that they signify all that is holy and most useful to our Motherland. It will be a Vihara or an 'Ashrama,' with many of the modern facilities which our colleges in the old days did not possess. It will be a residential college for Indian ladies, desirous of being trained as teachers, nurses, missionaries in a word, as Sisters of Charity, who intend to devote their lives to the improvement of the condition of their less fortunate countrywomen. 'Seva Sadan' is just such an institution as our gifted friend, Mrs. Annie Besant, would delight to found and supervise. But though her own hands are full, she is in full sympathy with the founder who is no other than Mr. Malabari, a name synonymous with successful organization without noise and fuss of any kind. Most of our readers are familiar with Mr. Malabari's work of national elevation, commenced more than twenty years ago with the co-operation of Lord Ripon and other righteous administrators and of Keshub Chander Sen, and such other leaders of Indian society. Mr. Malabari's life has been a series of achievements since those days, as his biography by the talented Diwan Dayaram, now Sessions Judge in Khandesh, and translated into several languages, shows: His latest work is the establishment of "East and West" a magazine review of European reputation. Even more important than this are his attempts to revive the system of Village Panchayats, to which he has managed to commit the Government of India somehow. But his work proper is for the women of India, especially for widows and for the waifs and strays from their ranks. It is for this that Mr. Malabari seems to us to have become a voluntary worker in famine camps and plague camps, 'Seva Sadan' is the home he is preparing some day to offer to his protegees under the guidance and protection of ladies gathered together from different parts of the country; the saving of souls will be the chief mission of the Home. We wish God-speed most heartily to the movement which will be an appropriate memorial to its promoter, more enduring than marble or bronze. Few of us know the devotion to the cause of this least public but most potent of our public workers. The lay missionary discourses frankly enough, from time to time from a pulpit and platform which he has made his own, but none of his followers have had so much as a clue to the acts of self-denial which appear to be his one delight in the performance of duty. His biographers have told us how in the prime of manhood, Mr. Malabari turned his back upon honours and emoluments. From that rule of conduct, he has never deviated. Among the temptations thus resisted, we now learn, for the first time, was the offer of the post of Prime Minister of one of the most important Feudatory States in India, on a scale of remuneration, tempting enough for a Lieutenant-Governor, the Prince further promising a free hand in the administration to the head of which he invited his friend in the most cordial and pressing terms. This splendid offer was thankfully but promptly declined, on the plea that "my heart is in my own work for the people." Such is the depth of devotion of one who is about to gather around him a band of public workers, devoted like himself to be trained and equipped for the emancipation of India's daughters. Mr. Malabari's work as social reformer has been a blessing to millions; and, as we have said, this consummation of his labours, the 'Seva Sadan' is a fit monument, to the erection of which his enlightened countrymen may well feel it a privilege to contribute.

Writing of his biographies, we find from advance sheets received by this mail from London that a new one is to be added to the number, dealing with the last fifteen years of his many-sided activity. This account is to be published in England, France and the United States, and the work has been undertaken by two cultured English gentlemen, assisted by a score of Indian and English friends. In this symposium, we notice English officials of the highest rank vying with Indian Princes and nobles, each dwelling upon some phase of his hero's life-work, as it appeals specially to his sympathy. It is a composite and fascinating character as Dr. Wordsworth puts it that is discussed by these observers, and the willing testimony thus borne is of the highest value. A leading Anglo-Indian journalist, for example, ranges over the whole field of his friend's labours, indicating the depth and extent of his influence on public men and movements of which the casual observer could hardly have had an idea. Others also write in a similar strain, tracing to the Parsi reformer and publicist the inception of not a few progressive movements with which he has not allowed his name to be associated. An eminent English Civilian mentions how, by mere chance, he had heard of Mr. Malabari's "generous and unostentatious charities" before they met, and how highly he praises the friendship of the man whose 'lectures" he takes in good part, as proceeding from one "desperately in earnest," "whose ideas are his life," and whose work as peace-maker is "most valuable and admirable." Another high officer on this side, dates back their friendship to the eighties when the late Sir Charles Aitchison told him of his own respect and esteem for the Parsi philanthropist, since then the two friends have worked together at intervals, especially in the administration of famine relief, wherein by purse and pain his non-official friend has saved life and mitigated distress to an extent, known only to those who have come within the sphere of his personal influence. This is the experience of many other officers, engaged in fighting plague and famine, or succouring the victims of fire, flood and other calamities.

More important testimony, however, comes from Indian Princes and nobles. We find the Ruler of a first-class Mahomedan State, for instance, quaintly declaring "Mr. Malabari's word to him is more than his life. Among prizes of this world, money counts the least with him. He prefers to remain poor; therein he is the richest. He likes to remain obscure; therefore he is most influential. His equal there is none in India nor his like." This verdict is confirmed by the Hindu Ruler of one of the principal States in India, for whom "Mr. Malabari's vow of poverty in order to help others' has raised him into an idol worthy of reverence. This is a peculiar Oriental ideal, and it is instructive to note how much of his unique position Mr. Malabari owes to his vow of poverty. His Highness prays that India may have a few more friends like this noblest Parsi. Very much the same sentiment runs through the testimony offered by Indian nobles' Among those we see the head of the Shiah Mahomedans telling the biographers how very early in life he was impressed by his friend's extraordinarily saintly character. Not only did he show the purity and charity of the saint, but he struck me as more admirable than most saints, in that he had sympathy even for the sinner, unlike so many saints he was human. According to His Highness, Mr. Malabari is one of the most precious of our assets; a real integral portion of the imperial national capital. Like this Mahomedan witness, the head of the Parsi community describes his friend as one of those rare beings who will not let one hand know what the other has done or is doing, who as a citizen, has established in his own person the supremacy of the moral law, resisting every temptation from within and without, remaining calm during storms, relying always on Truth, Justice and the approval of Conscience. On the intellectual side we have the respected Vice-Chancellor of an Indian University speaking of the so-called visionary as intensely practical and rational, always guided by his individual convictions obeying the call of Duty that arises from a touched and tender conscience. In all my contact with him, says the veteran educationalist, I have invariably found him working in the interests of others, never in his own. Here we must close with a few lines from the contribution, sent in by an English lady, widow of perhaps the most distinguished Bengal Civilian, My husband, she writes had the highest admiration and respect for Mr. Malabari, of whom she often heard him speak as one of his dearest friends, the most generous the most chivalrous. This lady tells of her husband's efforts to secure a seat for Mr. Malabari on the Secretary of State's Council and of the latter's unwillingness to give up his special line of work in India. She refers to some beautiful reminiscences that bring out her friend's character from a beautiful point of view, and concludes pathetically, When I think of his goodness to me and mine, tears come to my eyes."

It is on this man and his colleagues equally disinterested, that devolves the task of founding an institution rather novel in modern India, but which is not without prototypes in the good old days when India led the van not only in science and philosophy, but also in the gentle arts of peace wherein the influence of woman was supreme. Not till that influence is revived will the country take its rightful place in the county of nations. 'Seva Sadan' bids fair to become the centre of this beneficent revival, and it behoves every true friend of India to see that it starts under the best auspices.

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UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is the list of Messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay, during the week ending 24th December :—

From Porbandar—Jazjivan Smnarji Old Hanoman Gali, out Fort.
From Rampur, (State)—Hyder Rayakhan, Watson Hotel.
From Rajapur, (Ratnagiri)—Husensahob Sargura, Khopekar's House, New Nagar.
From Peshawar City—Mohamad Pashah, care of Moosa Dalal Hajrab Mohallah.
From Lucknow, Hazratganj—Syedhusain a Sahra, Bhendi Bazar Masjid, Nawab Teli Gali Mohamed Latif's House.
From Bhatkal—Sayzed Bhurunddhin Esq, Shakadri Nal Bazar.
From Rajkot—Govardhan Purushotam Sirdar Palace.
From Kumra—Sayadmara Hajiamjan Dokki, Agakhan Mohalla.
From Aurangabad—Ranbal, wife of Bhikaji Vajarie.
From Khandwa—Peermahamud Fatay Mahamud, Kasai Mohalla, near Karapit Market.
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THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	7
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	25
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	1	0	12
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, and Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	21
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	5
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	7
Water Division	0	0	0
North-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	9
Total	2	1	94
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Same date last year	23	22	92

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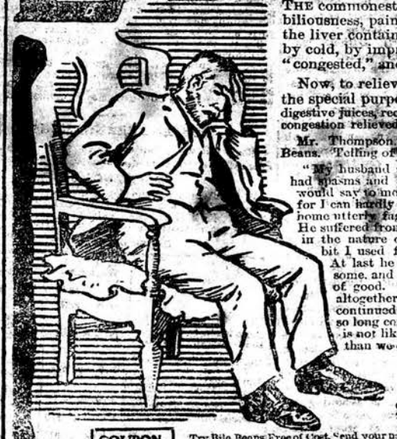

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MAN IN THE GREEN ROOM.

It is a pity that a much more heartrending to contemplate than a wrench-up smile of the infant across which has often, alas! it is a shock suddenly detected on his staggering little legs by the footlights at the having queen spun round like a tambourine by the feet of an inverted elder! The rainful child is intended to assure spectators in front of its solemn oath, that the pale faced and prematurely-worried infant loves the remantic abe treatment he has just received beyond all other luxuries, and that the most disappointing day in his life would be that on which some law of humanity (very inconvenient) forbade his herculean guardians to continue thus to use him. I think it must be the hurting memory of the infant acrobat's business smile—his forced and artificial air of gaiety and happiness—that makes our magistrates so disposed in granting licenses to theatrical managers and the employment of children on the stage. I have observed by the reports of such applications in the police court that the magistrate is the severe official to go over who is informed by the applicant that the infant waiting to be licensed to toil an abnormal life thoroughly enjoys the experience. The applicant may not want the infant, for as though purposes (perhaps a roup in a fairy gion as a dance in a fairy castle represents the full duties for which the child is required. But the magistrate is haunted by the automatic I-love-this-sort-of-thing image of the baby head balancer, and if he grants the license asked for, he does it with becoming reluctance and reluctance.

Proprietors and managers and parents and guardians may grumble as much as they please at what they call magisterial narrow-mindedness, but they may take it to grain any appreciable public sympathy so long as this magisterial narrow-mindedness has the effect of improving the lot of the stage infant. And no harder it becomes to obtain a license for the employment of children on the stage, the safer for the child become the conditions under which it is granted. The unwillingness on the part of our magistrates to encourage the theatrical employment of little children has done no end of good. It has not reduced their ranks, it has simply reduced their hardships. Inside few months, if the magistracy maintain their present attitude towards the employment of little girls and boys at the theatres and music-halls at night, no man will dream of applying for a stage license for a child who cannot easily prove that the infant has his proper amount of sleep, his proper amounts of schooling, his proper amount of food, and his proper amount of care generally. And this will all have been brought about by the supposed bogeymen of the stage riddles, the magistrates.

Have any of its readers ever visited the stage schools in connection with the Drury Lane theatre? Those that have will enjoy their Christmas pantomime at this house with a special enjoyment, for they will know, as with their children they look upon the wonders of Mr. Arthur ... and that the little ... among them are not fea... when the little ones they feel ... the stage children at the National theatre do really and truly enjoy their life—at pantomime time as all events. Their case is very different to that of the majority of children employed on the stage. They reside near the theatre and their schools are close by it—are practically one might say, within a hop skip and a jump of its doors. This means for the child less that there are no journeys to and fro in all weathers, more sleep, more time for play, a better opportunity for rest between the acts of the day—and this is perhaps most important of all. It means that the matron, the governess and the hard-working headmistress of the Drury Lane School is able to devote to their lives an unusual amount of personal care and supervision.

It is surprising (it would be to the stranger) what a number of bright and well-conducted children there are under Mrs. Harper's pupils and it is splendid to know that some of the cleverest and best-behaved pupils from the ranks of the worst born. In many cases the children owe it to the Drury Lane Pantomime that their lives are no longer lives of misery and they appear at the magisterial rules when licenses for the employment of children on the stage are refused, simply be pretty sure that they have very good reasons for doing so. By their strictness and care in the matter of granting these licenses they have greatly improved the stage of the stage children in England, and who better than they have the right to see that the improvement is maintained. I was present in the magisterial room at Bow Street once when a question by agent applied to Mr. Fordham for licenses ... children to perform in a sketch. Mr. Fordham was brief and to the point. "No," he said, "one's too young, and the other looks to ... that I read in one of the daily papers of the ... that Mr. Fordham was the enemy of ... enterprise.

The children ... well ... stage those of Drury ... paying ... their undertakings. And also for ... training to a ... trained their ... Mr. Harper tells an amusing story of a tiny pupil of hers who ... was playing a part with ... good deal of business in ... Drury Lane. The little pantomimist, having received ... call to himself in the Press and being ... interested ... and found ... his success ... the ... received ... attendance ... to see ... arrive at the Drury Lane ... schools ... he would inevitably feign illness, with the view of inducing the sympathetic Mrs. Harper to lighten his tasks and ... was ... observe with ... that ... nervous system receives the ... many cases stimulants are resorted to, which give merely fictitious and temporary strength to the nerves, but actually leave them more weakened and worn out than before. If the nervous system be exhausted it really requires a remedy that will assist the nervous system to assimilate nourishment from the ordinary food, and will at the same time supply the vital nerve elements which are lost under the strain of overwork. Such a remedy is found in

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The principal of these nervous disorders are as follows: Nervous and General Debility or Impaired Vitality, indicated by Lassitude, Fatigue, Want of Mental and Physical Energy, Weakened Will Power, Inability for Sustained Mental Effort, Irritability and Brain Fag, Nervous Exhaustion, Indecision and Lack of Confidence and "Pluck," Mental Depression, Worry and Anxiety, Forbodings, Morbidity and Melancholy, Neurasthenia, or a worn-out condition of the Nervous System generally, characterised by Headache, Vertigo, Muscular and Nervous ... and Diminished Mental Powers.

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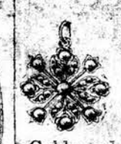
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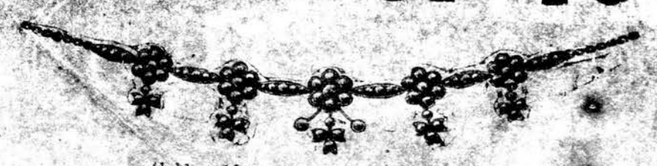
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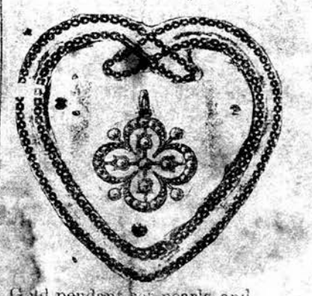
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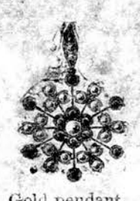
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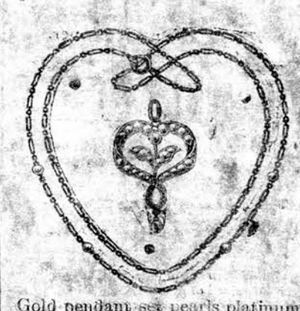
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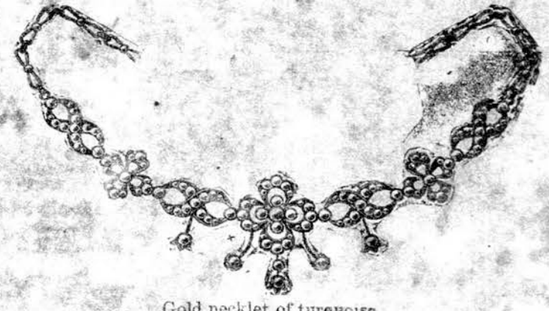
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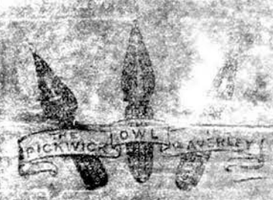

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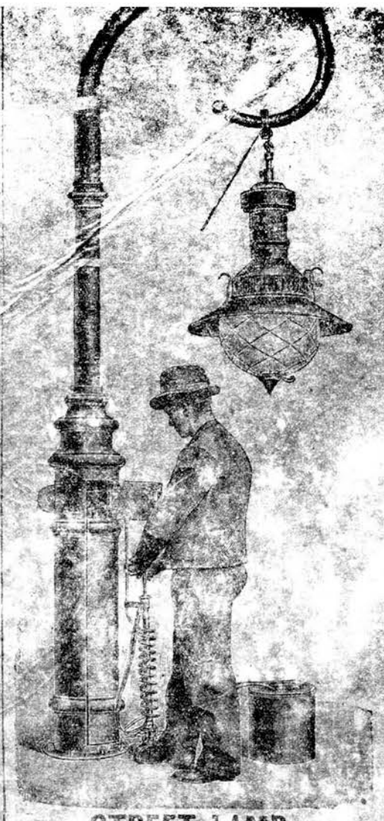

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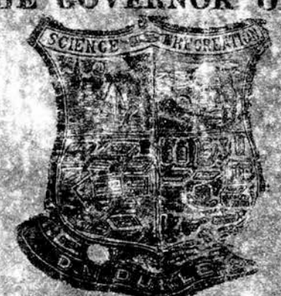

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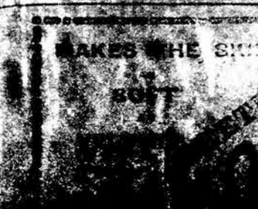

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